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31	T S A K M S L K F T N A K R I E G L D S N V W I E F T K L A	1815528	
6	- - - - - Q A R R L D G I D Y N P W V E F V K L A	GI 758591	
61	A D P S V V N L G Q G F P D I S P P T Y V K E E L S K I A A	1815528	
26	S E H D V V N L G Q G F P D F P P P D F A V E A F Q H A V S	GI 758591	
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150	D E V I L I V P F Y D C Y E P M V R M A G A T P V F I P L R	1815528	
116	D E V I I I E P F F D C Y E P M T M M A G G R P V F V S L K	GI 758591	
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(57) Abstract			
The invention provides three human transferases (HUTRAN) and polynucleotides which identify and encode HUTRAN. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists, and antagonists. The invention also provides methods for diagnosing, treating or preventing disorders associated with expression of HUTRAN.			

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## HUMAN TRANSFERASES

### TECHNICAL FIELD

5           This invention relates to nucleic acid and amino acid sequences of human transferases and to the use of these sequences in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, reproductive, and gastrointestinal disorders and cancer.

### 10                           BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Transferases, enzymes that catalyze group transfer reactions, are classified by the type of group transferred. One-carbon groups are transferred; for example, methyltransferases transfer methyl groups from S-adenosyl-methionine to substrates. Nitrogenous groups are transferred; for example, aminotransferases transfer amino groups. 15 Other groups transferred include aldehyde or ketone, acyl, glycosyl, alkyl and aryl other than methyl, phosphorus-containing, sulfur-containing, and selenium-containing groups.

The enzyme glutamine-phenylpyruvate aminotransferase, also known as glutamine transaminase K (GTK), catalyzes several reactions with a pyridoxal phosphate cofactor. GTK catalyzes the reversible conversion of L-glutamine and phenylpyruvate to 2-oxoglutaramate and L-phenylalanine. L-methionine, L-histidine, and L-tyrosine can 20 substitute for L-glutamine in this reaction. GTK also catalyzes the conversion of kynurenine to kynurenic acid. Kynurenic acid, a tryptophan metabolite, is an antagonist of the N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor in the brain and may exert a neuromodulatory function. Alteration of the kynurenine metabolic pathway may be among the causative 25 factors leading to several neurological disorders. GTK also possesses cysteine conjugate  $\beta$ -lyase activity which is involved in the metabolism of halogenated xenobiotics conjugated to glutathione. GTK action on the cysteine conjugates of xenobiotics yields metabolites that are nephrotoxic in rats and neurotoxic in humans. The neurotoxicity may be related to the kynurenine aminotransferase activity of GTK. GTK is expressed in 30 kidney, liver, and brain. Both cytosolic and mitochondrial forms exist. Human and rat GTK genes have been isolated which encode proteins of 422 and 423 amino acids

respectively. Both human and rat GTKs contain a putative pyridoxal phosphate binding site. (ExPASy ENZYME: EC 2.6.1.64; Perry, S.J. et al. (1993) *Mol. Pharmacol.* 43:660-665; Perry, S. et al. (1995) *FEBS Lett.* 360:277-280; and Alberati-Giani, D. et al. (1995) *J. Neurochem.* 64:1448-1455.)

5       The enzyme kynurenine/ $\alpha$ -aminoadipate aminotransferase (AadAT) catalyzes two reactions with a pyridoxal phosphate cofactor. AadAT catalyzes the reversible conversion of  $\alpha$ -aminoadipate and  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate to  $\alpha$ -ketoadipate and L-glutamate. This conversion is involved in lysine metabolism. AadAT also catalyzes the transamination of kynurenine acid to kynurenic acid. As described above, kynurenic acid is an NMDA receptor  
10 antagonist. Both soluble and mitochondrial forms of AadAT have been purified. A soluble AadAT is expressed in rat kidney, liver, and brain. The rat AadAT nucleotide gene encodes a protein of 425 amino acids which contains a putative pyridoxal phosphate binding site. (Nakatani, Y. et al. (1970) *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 198:219-228; Buchli, R. et al. (1995) *J. Biol. Chem.* 270:29330-29335.)

15       Protein-arginine methyltransferases catalyze the posttranslational methylation of arginine residues in proteins, resulting in the mono- and dimethylation of arginine on the guanidino group. Known substrates are histones, heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoproteins (hnRNPs), and myelin basic protein. This otherwise unusual posttranslational modification is common in hnRNPs and may regulate their function.  
20 hnRNPs function in the nucleus in mRNA processing, splicing, and transport into the cytoplasm. Homologous protein-arginine methyltransferases that methylate hnRNPs have been cloned from yeast, rat, and man. These protein-arginine methyltransferases contain five sequence motifs, termed region I, post-region I, region II, region III, and post-region III, that may be involved in binding S-adenosyl-methionine. One human gene  
25 (HRMT1L1) encodes a 433 amino acid protein. The other human gene (HRMT1L2) may be alternatively spliced to yield three protein-arginine methyltransferases, of length 343, 347, and 361 amino acids respectively, with different amino termini. The protein encoded by the cloned rat protein-arginine methyltransferase gene (PRMT1) interacts with the TIS21 protein and the homologous BTG1 protein. The intermediate-early TIS21 protein is  
30 the product of a gene induced by treatment of cells with mitogens such as epidermal growth factor, and the BTG1 protein is the product of a human gene located near a chromosome translocation breakpoint associated with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. The



HRMT1L2 protein interacts with the cytoplasmic domain of the interferon receptor. This interaction suggests that protein methylation may be an important signaling mechanism for cytokine receptors. (Lin, W.-J. et al. (1996) J. Biol. Chem. 271:15034-15044; Abramovich, C. et al. (1997) EMBO J. 16:260-266; and Scott, H.S. et al. (1998) Genomics  
5 48:330-340.)

The discovery of new human transferases and the polynucleotides encoding them satisfies a need in the art by providing new compositions which are useful in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, reproductive, and gastrointestinal disorders and cancer.

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### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention features substantially purified polypeptides, human transferases, referred to collectively as "HUTRAN" and individually as "HUTRAN-1", "HUTRAN-2", and "HUTRAN-3." In one aspect, the invention provides a substantially purified  
15 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, and SEQ ID NO:3 (SEQ ID NO:1-3) and fragments thereof.

The invention further provides a substantially purified variant having at least 90% amino acid identity to the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO:1-3 or to fragments of any of these sequences. The invention also provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide  
20 encoding the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof. The invention also includes an isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 70% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof.

25 Additionally, the invention provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof, as well as an isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide  
30 comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof.

The invention also provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide comprising a

polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, and SEQ ID NO:6 (SEQ ID NO:4-6), and fragments thereof. The invention further provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 70%

- polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide sequence comprising a  
5 polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4-6 and fragments thereof, as well as an isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4-6 and fragments thereof.

- The invention further provides an expression vector containing at least a fragment  
10 of the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof. In another aspect, the expression vector is contained within a host cell.

- The invention also provides a method for producing a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments  
15 thereof, the method comprising the steps of: (a) culturing the host cell containing an expression vector containing at least a fragment of a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide under conditions suitable for the expression of the polypeptide; and (b) recovering the polypeptide from the host cell culture.

- The invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a  
20 substantially purified polypeptide having the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

- The invention further includes a purified antibody which binds to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3  
25 and fragments thereof, as well as a purified agonist and a purified antagonist to the polypeptide. The invention also provides a method for treating or preventing an autoimmune/inflammatory disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of an antagonist of the polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments  
30 thereof.

The invention also provides a method for treating or preventing a neurological disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an

effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof.

The invention also provides a method for treating or preventing a reproductive disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof.

The invention also provides a method for treating or preventing a gastrointestinal disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof.

The invention also provides a method for treating or preventing a cancer, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of an antagonist of the polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof.

The invention also provides a method for detecting a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof in a biological sample containing nucleic acids, the method comprising the steps of: (a) hybridizing the complement of the polynucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof to at least one of the nucleic acids of the biological sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and (b) detecting the hybridization complex, wherein the presence of the hybridization complex correlates with the presence of a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide in the biological sample. In one aspect, the method further comprises amplifying the polynucleotide prior to the hybridizing step.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES AND TABLES

Figures 1A and 1B show the amino acid sequence alignment between HUTRAN-1 (1815528; SEQ ID NO:1) and human glutamine-phenylpyruvate aminotransferase (GI 758591; SEQ ID NO:30), produced using the multisequence alignment program of

LASERGENE™ software (DNASTAR Inc, Madison WI).

Figures 2A and 2B show the amino acid sequence alignment between HUTRAN-2 (2150892; SEQ ID NO:2) and rat kynurenine/α-aminoadipate aminotransferase (GI 1050752; SEQ ID NO:31).

5        Figures 3A, 3B, and 3C show the amino acid sequence alignment between HUTRAN-3 (2525071; SEQ ID NO:3) and human arginine methyltransferase (GI 1808648; SEQ ID NO:32).

10        In Table 1, columns 1 and 2 show the sequence identification numbers (SEQ ID NO:) of the amino acid and nucleic acid sequence, respectively. Column 3 shows the Clone ID of the Incyte Clone in which nucleic acids encoding each HUTRAN were first identified, and column 4, the cDNA library of this clone. Column 5 shows the Incyte clones (and libraries) and shotgun sequences useful as fragments in hybridization technologies, and which are part of the consensus nucleotide sequence of each HUTRAN.

15        Table 2 shows various properties of the polypeptides of the invention: column 1 references the SEQ ID NO; column 2 shows the number of amino acid residues; column 3, potential phosphorylation sites; column 4, potential glycosylation sites; column 5, signature sequences associated with known proteins; column 6, the identity of the protein; and column 7, analytical methods used to identify the protein through sequence homologies, protein motifs, and protein signatures.

20        Table 3 shows the tissue expression of each nucleic acid sequence by northern analysis, diseases or conditions associated with this tissue expression, and the vector into which each cDNA was cloned.

Table 4 describes the tissues used in cDNA library construction.

25        Table 5 describes the programs, algorithms, databases, and qualifying scores used to analyze HUTRAN. The first column of Table 5 shows the tool, program, or algorithm; the second column, the database; the third column, a brief description; and the fourth column (where applicable), scores for determining the strength of a match between two sequences (the higher the value, the more homologous).

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Before the present proteins, nucleotide sequences, and methods are described, it is understood that this invention is not limited to the particular methodology, protocols, cell

lines, vectors, and reagents described, as these may vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only, and is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention which will be limited only by the appended claims.

5        It must be noted that as used herein and in the appended claims, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include plural reference unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, a reference to "a host cell" includes a plurality of such host cells, and a reference to "an antibody" is a reference to one or more antibodies and equivalents thereof known to those skilled in the art, and so forth.

10        Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meanings as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Although any methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the present invention, the preferred methods, devices, and materials are now described. All publications mentioned  
15        herein are cited for the purpose of describing and disclosing the cell lines, vectors, and methodologies which are reported in the publications and which might be used in connection with the invention. Nothing herein is to be construed as an admission that the invention is not entitled to antedate such disclosure by virtue of prior invention.

## 20    **DEFINITIONS**

      "HUTRAN," as used herein, refers to the amino acid sequences of substantially purified HUTRAN obtained from any species, particularly a mammalian species, including bovine, ovine, porcine, murine, equine, and preferably the human species, from any source, whether natural, synthetic, semi-synthetic, or recombinant.

25        The term "agonist," as used herein, refers to a molecule which, when bound to HUTRAN, increases or prolongs the duration of the effect of HUTRAN. Agonists may include proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, or any other molecules which bind to and modulate the effect of HUTRAN.

      An "allelic variant," as this term is used herein, is an alternative form of the gene  
30        encoding HUTRAN. Allelic variants may result from at least one mutation in the nucleic acid sequence and may result in altered mRNAs or in polypeptides whose structure or function may or may not be altered. Any given natural or recombinant gene may have

none, one, or many allelic forms. Common mutational changes which give rise to allelic variants are generally ascribed to natural deletions, additions, or substitutions of nucleotides. Each of these types of changes may occur alone, or in combination with the others, one or more times in a given sequence.

5 "Altered" nucleic acid sequences encoding HUTRAN, as described herein, include those sequences with deletions, insertions, or substitutions of different nucleotides, resulting in a polynucleotide the same as HUTRAN or a polypeptide with at least one functional characteristic of HUTRAN. Included within this definition are polymorphisms which may or may not be readily detectable using a particular oligonucleotide probe of the  
10 polynucleotide encoding HUTRAN, and improper or unexpected hybridization to allelic variants, with a locus other than the normal chromosomal locus for the polynucleotide sequence encoding HUTRAN. The encoded protein may also be "altered," and may contain deletions, insertions, or substitutions of amino acid residues which produce a silent change and result in a functionally equivalent HUTRAN. Deliberate amino acid  
15 substitutions may be made on the basis of similarity in polarity, charge, solubility, hydrophobicity, hydrophilicity, and/or the amphipathic nature of the residues, as long as the biological or immunological activity of HUTRAN is retained. For example, negatively charged amino acids may include aspartic acid and glutamic acid, positively charged amino acids may include lysine and arginine, and amino acids with uncharged polar head  
20 groups having similar hydrophilicity values may include leucine, isoleucine, and valine; glycine and alanine; asparagine and glutamine; serine and threonine; and phenylalanine and tyrosine.

The terms "amino acid" or "amino acid sequence," as used herein, refer to an oligopeptide, peptide, polypeptide, or protein sequence, or a fragment of any of these, and  
25 to naturally occurring or synthetic molecules. In this context, "fragments," "immunogenic fragments," or "antigenic fragments" refer to fragments of HUTRAN which are preferably at least 5 to about 15 amino acids in length, most preferably at least 14 amino acids, and which retain some biological activity or immunological activity of HUTRAN. Where "amino acid sequence" is recited herein to refer to an amino acid sequence of a naturally  
30 occurring protein molecule, "amino acid sequence" and like terms are not meant to limit the amino acid sequence to the complete native amino acid sequence associated with the recited protein molecule.

"Amplification," as used herein, relates to the production of additional copies of a nucleic acid sequence. Amplification is generally carried out using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technologies well known in the art. (See, e.g., Dieffenbach, C.W. and G.S. Dveksler (1995) PCR Primer, a Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Plainview, NY, pp.1-5.)

The term "antagonist," as it is used herein, refers to a molecule which, when bound to HUTRAN, decreases the amount or the duration of the effect of the biological or immunological activity of HUTRAN. Antagonists may include proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, antibodies, or any other molecules which decrease the effect of HUTRAN.

As used herein, the term "antibody" refers to intact molecules as well as to fragments thereof, such as Fab, F(ab')<sub>2</sub>, and Fv fragments, which are capable of binding the epitopic determinant. Antibodies that bind HUTRAN polypeptides can be prepared using intact polypeptides or using fragments containing small peptides of interest as the immunizing antigen. The polypeptide or oligopeptide used to immunize an animal (e.g., a mouse, a rat, or a rabbit) can be derived from the translation of RNA, or synthesized chemically, and can be conjugated to a carrier protein if desired. Commonly used carriers that are chemically coupled to peptides include bovine serum albumin, thyroglobulin, and keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). The coupled peptide is then used to immunize the animal.

The term "antigenic determinant," as used herein, refers to that fragment of a molecule (i.e., an epitope) that makes contact with a particular antibody. When a protein or a fragment of a protein is used to immunize a host animal, numerous regions of the protein may induce the production of antibodies which bind specifically to antigenic determinants (given regions or three-dimensional structures on the protein). An antigenic determinant may compete with the intact antigen (i.e., the immunogen used to elicit the immune response) for binding to an antibody.

The term "antisense," as used herein, refers to any composition containing a nucleic acid sequence which is complementary to the "sense" strand of a specific nucleic acid sequence. Antisense molecules may be produced by any method including synthesis or transcription. Once introduced into a cell, the complementary nucleotides combine with natural sequences produced by the cell to form duplexes and to block either transcription or translation. The designation "negative" can refer to the antisense strand, and the

designation "positive" can refer to the sense strand.

As used herein, the term "biologically active," refers to a protein having structural, regulatory, or biochemical functions of a naturally occurring molecule. Likewise, "immunologically active" refers to the capability of the natural, recombinant, or synthetic HUTRAN, or of any oligopeptide thereof, to induce a specific immune response in appropriate animals or cells and to bind with specific antibodies.

The terms "complementary" or "complementarity," as used herein, refer to the natural binding of polynucleotides by base pairing. For example, the sequence "5' A-G-T 3'" binds to the complementary sequence "3' T-C-A 5'." Complementarity between two single-stranded molecules may be "partial," such that only some of the nucleic acids bind, or it may be "complete," such that total complementarity exists between the single stranded molecules. The degree of complementarity between nucleic acid strands has significant effects on the efficiency and strength of the hybridization between the nucleic acid strands. This is of particular importance in amplification reactions, which depend upon binding between nucleic acids strands, and in the design and use of peptide nucleic acid (PNA) molecules.

A "composition comprising a given polynucleotide sequence" or a "composition comprising a given amino acid sequence," as these terms are used herein, refer broadly to any composition containing the given polynucleotide or amino acid sequence. The composition may comprise a dry formulation or an aqueous solution. Compositions comprising polynucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN or fragments of HUTRAN may be employed as hybridization probes. The probes may be stored in freeze-dried form and may be associated with a stabilizing agent such as a carbohydrate. In hybridizations, the probe may be deployed in an aqueous solution containing salts, e.g., NaCl, detergents, e.g., sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), and other components, e.g., Denhardt's solution, dry milk, salmon sperm DNA, etc.

"Consensus sequence," as used herein, refers to a nucleic acid sequence which has been resequenced to resolve uncalled bases, extended using XL-PCR™ (Perkin Elmer, Norwalk, CT) in the 5' and/or the 3' direction, and resequenced, or which has been assembled from the overlapping sequences of more than one Incyte Clone using a computer program for fragment assembly, such as the GELVIEW™ Fragment Assembly system (GCG, Madison, WI). Some sequences have been both extended and assembled to



produce the consensus sequence.

As used herein, the term "correlates with expression of a polynucleotide" indicates that the detection of the presence of nucleic acids, the same or related to a nucleic acid sequence encoding HUTRAN, by Northern analysis is indicative of the presence of nucleic acids encoding HUTRAN in a sample, and thereby correlates with expression of the transcript from the polynucleotide encoding HUTRAN.

A "deletion," as the term is used herein, refers to a change in the amino acid or nucleotide sequence that results in the absence of one or more amino acid residues or nucleotides.

The term "derivative," as used herein, refers to the chemical modification of a polypeptide sequence, or a polynucleotide sequence. Chemical modifications of a polynucleotide sequence can include, for example, replacement of hydrogen by an alkyl, acyl, or amino group. A derivative polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide which retains at least one biological or immunological function of the natural molecule. A derivative polypeptide is one modified by glycosylation, pegylation, or any similar process that retains at least one biological or immunological function of the polypeptide from which it was derived.

The term "similarity," as used herein, refers to a degree of complementarity. There may be partial similarity or complete similarity. The word "identity" may substitute for the word "similarity." A partially complementary sequence that at least partially inhibits an identical sequence from hybridizing to a target nucleic acid is referred to as "substantially similar." The inhibition of hybridization of the completely complementary sequence to the target sequence may be examined using a hybridization assay (Southern or Northern blot, solution hybridization, and the like) under conditions of reduced stringency. A substantially similar sequence or hybridization probe will compete for and inhibit the binding of a completely similar (identical) sequence to the target sequence under conditions of reduced stringency. This is not to say that conditions of reduced stringency are such that non-specific binding is permitted, as reduced stringency conditions require that the binding of two sequences to one another be a specific (i.e., a selective) interaction. The absence of non-specific binding may be tested by the use of a second target sequence which lacks even a partial degree of complementarity (e.g., less than about 30% similarity or identity). In the absence of non-specific binding, the substantially similar sequence or

probe will not hybridize to the second non-complementary target sequence.

The phrases "percent identity" or "% identity" refer to the percentage of sequence similarity found in a comparison of two or more amino acid or nucleic acid sequences.

Percent identity can be determined electronically, e.g., by using the MegAlign™ program (DNASTAR, Inc., Madison WI). The MegAlign™ program can create alignments  
5 between two or more sequences according to different methods, e.g., the clustal method. (See, e.g., Higgins, D.G. and P.M. Sharp (1988) Gene 73:237-244.) The clustal algorithm groups sequences into clusters by examining the distances between all pairs. The clusters are aligned pairwise and then in groups. The percentage similarity between two amino  
10 acid sequences, e.g., sequence A and sequence B, is calculated by dividing the length of sequence A, minus the number of gap residues in sequence A, minus the number of gap residues in sequence B, into the sum of the residue matches between sequence A and sequence B, times one hundred. Gaps of low or of no similarity between the two amino acid sequences are not included in determining percentage similarity. Percent identity  
15 between nucleic acid sequences can also be counted or calculated by other methods known in the art, e.g., the Jotun Hein method. (See, e.g., Hein, J. (1990) Methods Enzymol. 183:626-645.) Identity between sequences can also be determined by other methods known in the art, e.g., by varying hybridization conditions.

"Human artificial chromosomes" (HACs), as described herein, are linear  
20 microchromosomes which may contain DNA sequences of about 6 kb to 10 Mb in size, and which contain all of the elements required for stable mitotic chromosome segregation and maintenance. (See, e.g., Harrington, J.J. et al. (1997) Nat Genet. 15:345-355.)

The term "humanized antibody," as used herein, refers to antibody molecules in which the amino acid sequence in the non-antigen binding regions has been altered so that  
25 the antibody more closely resembles a human antibody, and still retains its original binding ability.

"Hybridization," as the term is used herein, refers to any process by which a strand of nucleic acid binds with a complementary strand through base pairing.

As used herein, the term "hybridization complex" refers to a complex formed  
30 between two nucleic acid sequences by virtue of the formation of hydrogen bonds between complementary bases. A hybridization complex may be formed in solution (e.g., C<sub>0</sub>t or R<sub>0</sub>t analysis) or formed between one nucleic acid sequence present in solution and another

nucleic acid sequence immobilized on a solid support (e.g., paper, membranes, filters, chips, pins or glass slides, or any other appropriate substrate to which cells or their nucleic acids have been fixed).

The words "insertion" or "addition," as used herein, refer to changes in an amino acid or nucleotide sequence resulting in the addition of one or more amino acid residues or nucleotides, respectively, to the sequence found in the naturally occurring molecule.

"Immune response" can refer to conditions associated with inflammation, trauma, immune disorders, or infectious or genetic disease, etc. These conditions can be characterized by expression of various factors, e.g., cytokines, chemokines, and other signaling molecules, which may affect cellular and systemic defense systems.

The term "microarray," as used herein, refers to an arrangement of distinct polynucleotides arrayed on a substrate, e.g., paper, nylon or any other type of membrane, filter, chip, glass slide, or any other suitable solid support.

The terms "element" or "array element" as used herein in a microarray context, refer to hybridizable polynucleotides arranged on the surface of a substrate.

The term "modulate," as it appears herein, refers to a change in the activity of HUTRAN. For example, modulation may cause an increase or a decrease in protein activity, binding characteristics, or any other biological, functional, or immunological properties of HUTRAN.

The phrases "nucleic acid" or "nucleic acid sequence," as used herein, refer to a nucleotide, oligonucleotide, polynucleotide, or any fragment thereof. These phrases also refer to DNA or RNA of genomic or synthetic origin which may be single-stranded or double-stranded and may represent the sense or the antisense strand, to peptide nucleic acid (PNA), or to any DNA-like or RNA-like material. In this context, "fragments" refers to those nucleic acid sequences which, when translated, would produce polypeptides retaining some functional characteristic, e.g., antigenicity, or structural domain characteristic, e.g., ATP-binding site, of the full-length polypeptide.

The terms "operably associated" or "operably linked," as used herein, refer to functionally related nucleic acid sequences. A promoter is operably associated or operably linked with a coding sequence if the promoter controls the translation of the encoded polypeptide. While operably associated or operably linked nucleic acid sequences can be contiguous and in the same reading frame, certain genetic elements, e.g., repressor genes,

are not contiguously linked to the sequence encoding the polypeptide but still bind to operator sequences that control expression of the polypeptide.

The term "oligonucleotide," as used herein, refers to a nucleic acid sequence of at least about 6 nucleotides to 60 nucleotides, preferably about 15 to 30 nucleotides, and most preferably about 20 to 25 nucleotides, which can be used in PCR amplification or in a hybridization assay or microarray. As used herein, the term "oligonucleotide" is substantially equivalent to the terms "amplimer," "primer," "oligomer," and "probe," as these terms are commonly defined in the art.

"Peptide nucleic acid" (PNA), as used herein, refers to an antisense molecule or anti-gene agent which comprises an oligonucleotide of at least about 5 nucleotides in length linked to a peptide backbone of amino acid residues ending in lysine. The terminal lysine confers solubility to the composition. PNAs preferentially bind complementary single stranded DNA or RNA and stop transcript elongation, and may be pegylated to extend their lifespan in the cell. (See, e.g., Nielsen, P.E. et al. (1993) Anticancer Drug Des. 8:53-63.)

The term "sample," as used herein, is used in its broadest sense. A biological sample suspected of containing nucleic acids encoding HUTRAN, or fragments thereof, or HUTRAN itself, may comprise a bodily fluid; an extract from a cell, chromosome, organelle, or membrane isolated from a cell; a cell; genomic DNA, RNA, or cDNA, in solution or bound to a solid support; a tissue; a tissue print; etc.

As used herein, the terms "specific binding" or "specifically binding" refer to that interaction between a protein or peptide and an agonist, an antibody, or an antagonist. The interaction is dependent upon the presence of a particular structure of the protein, e.g., the antigenic determinant or epitope, recognized by the binding molecule. For example, if an antibody is specific for epitope "A," the presence of a polypeptide containing the epitope A, or the presence of free unlabeled A, in a reaction containing free labeled A and the antibody will reduce the amount of labeled A that binds to the antibody.

As used herein, the term "stringent conditions" refers to conditions which permit hybridization between polynucleotides and the claimed polynucleotides. Stringent conditions can be defined by salt concentration, the concentration of organic solvent, e.g., formamide, temperature, and other conditions well known in the art. In particular, stringency can be increased by reducing the concentration of salt, increasing the

concentration of formamide, or raising the hybridization temperature.

The term "substantially purified," as used herein, refers to nucleic acid or amino acid sequences that are removed from their natural environment and are isolated or separated, and are at least about 60% free, preferably about 75% free, and most preferably  
5 about 90% free from other components with which they are naturally associated.

A "substitution," as used herein, refers to the replacement of one or more amino acids or nucleotides by different amino acids or nucleotides, respectively.

"Transformation," as defined herein, describes a process by which exogenous DNA enters and changes a recipient cell. Transformation may occur under natural or artificial  
10 conditions according to various methods well known in the art, and may rely on any known method for the insertion of foreign nucleic acid sequences into a prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cell. The method for transformation is selected based on the type of host cell being transformed and may include, but is not limited to, viral infection, electroporation, heat shock, lipofection, and particle bombardment. The term  
15 "transformed" cells includes stably transformed cells in which the inserted DNA is capable of replication either as an autonomously replicating plasmid or as part of the host chromosome, as well as transiently transformed cells which express the inserted DNA or RNA for limited periods of time.

A "variant" of HUTRAN polypeptides, as used herein, refers to an amino acid  
20 sequence that is altered by one or more amino acid residues. The variant may have "conservative" changes, wherein a substituted amino acid has similar structural or chemical properties (e.g., replacement of leucine with isoleucine). More rarely, a variant may have "nonconservative" changes (e.g., replacement of glycine with tryptophan). Analogous minor variations may also include amino acid deletions or insertions, or both.  
25 Guidance in determining which amino acid residues may be substituted, inserted, or deleted without abolishing biological or immunological activity may be found using computer programs well known in the art, for example, LASERGENE™ software.

The term "variant," when used in the context of a polynucleotide sequence, may encompass a polynucleotide sequence related to HUTRAN. This definition may also  
30 include, for example, "allelic" (as defined above), "splice," "species," or "polymorphic" variants. A splice variant may have significant identity to a reference molecule, but will generally have a greater or lesser number of polynucleotides due to alternate splicing of

exons during mRNA processing. The corresponding polypeptide may possess additional functional domains or an absence of domains. Species variants are polynucleotide sequences that vary from one species to another. The resulting polypeptides generally will have significant amino acid identity relative to each other. A polymorphic variant is a variation in the polynucleotide sequence of a particular gene between individuals of a given species. Polymorphic variants also may encompass "single nucleotide polymorphisms" (SNPs) in which the polynucleotide sequence varies by one base. The presence of SNPs may be indicative of, for example, a certain population, a disease state, or a propensity for a disease state.

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## THE INVENTION

The invention is based on the discovery of three new human transferases (HUTRAN), the polynucleotides encoding HUTRAN, and the use of these compositions for the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, reproductive, and gastrointestinal disorders and cancer. Table 1 summarizes the sequence identification numbers, identifying clone numbers, and libraries of HUTRAN.

As shown in Table 2, each HUTRAN has been characterized with regard to its chemical and structural similarity with transferase molecules. As shown in Figures 1A and 1B, HUTRAN-1 and human glutamine-phenylpyruvate aminotransferase (GI 758591; SEQ ID NO:30) share 49% identity. As shown in Figures 2A and 2B, HUTRAN-2 and rat kynurenine/ $\alpha$ -amino adipate aminotransferase (GI 1050752; SEQ ID NO:31) share 71% identity. As shown in Figures 3A, 3B, and 3C, HUTRAN-3 and human arginine methyltransferase (GI 1808648; SEQ ID NO:32) share 27% identity.

In Table 3, northern analysis shows the expression of HUTRAN sequences in various libraries, of which at least 42% are immortalized or cancerous, at least 18% are in fetal or proliferating tissue, at least 9% involve trauma, and at least 14% involve immune response. Of particular note is the expression of HUTRAN in male and female reproductive, nervous, and gastrointestinal tissues.

A preferred HUTRAN variant is one which has at least about 80%, more preferably at least about 90%, and most preferably at least about 95% amino acid sequence identity to the HUTRAN amino acid sequence, and which contains at least one functional or structural characteristic of HUTRAN.

The invention also encompasses polynucleotides which encode HUTRAN. In a particular embodiment, the invention encompasses a polynucleotide sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, which encodes a HUTRAN. In a further embodiment, the invention encompasses the polynucleotide sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:5. In a further embodiment, the invention encompasses the polynucleotide sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.

The invention also encompasses a variant of a polynucleotide sequence encoding HUTRAN. In particular, such a variant polynucleotide sequence will have at least about 70%, more preferably at least about 85%, and most preferably at least about 95% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide sequence encoding HUTRAN. Any one of the polynucleotide variants described above can encode an amino acid sequence which contains at least one functional or structural characteristic of HUTRAN.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that as a result of the degeneracy of the genetic code, a multitude of polynucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN, some bearing minimal similarity to the polynucleotide sequences of any known and naturally occurring gene, may be produced. Thus, the invention contemplates each and every possible variation of polynucleotide sequence that could be made by selecting combinations based on possible codon choices. These combinations are made in accordance with the standard triplet genetic code as applied to the polynucleotide sequence of naturally occurring HUTRAN, and all such variations are to be considered as being specifically disclosed.

Although nucleotide sequences which encode HUTRAN and its variants are preferably capable of hybridizing to the nucleotide sequence of the naturally occurring HUTRAN under appropriately selected conditions of stringency, it may be advantageous to produce nucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN or its derivatives possessing a substantially different codon usage, e.g., inclusion of non-naturally occurring codons. Codons may be selected to increase the rate at which expression of the peptide occurs in a particular prokaryotic or eukaryotic host in accordance with the frequency with which particular codons are utilized by the host. Other reasons for substantially altering the nucleotide sequence encoding HUTRAN and its derivatives without altering the encoded amino acid sequences include the production of RNA transcripts having more desirable properties, such as a greater half-life, than transcripts produced from the naturally

occurring sequence.

The invention also encompasses production of DNA sequences which encode HUTRAN and HUTRAN derivatives, or fragments thereof, entirely by synthetic chemistry. After production, the synthetic sequence may be inserted into any of the many  
5 available expression vectors and cell systems using reagents well known in the art. Moreover, synthetic chemistry may be used to introduce mutations into a sequence encoding HUTRAN or any fragment thereof.

Also encompassed by the invention are polynucleotide sequences that are capable of hybridizing to the claimed polynucleotide sequences, and, in particular, to those shown  
10 in SEQ ID NO:4-6 and fragments thereof under various conditions of stringency. (See, e.g., Wahl, G.M. and S.L. Berger (1987) *Methods Enzymol.* 152:399-407; Kimmel, A.R. (1987) *Methods Enzymol.* 152:507-511.) For example, stringent salt concentration will ordinarily be less than about 750 mM NaCl and 75 mM trisodium citrate, preferably less than about 500 mM NaCl and 50 mM trisodium citrate, and most preferably less than  
15 about 250 mM NaCl and 25 mM trisodium citrate. Low stringency hybridization can be obtained in the absence of organic solvent, e.g., formamide, while high stringency hybridization can be obtained in the presence of at least about 35% formamide, and most preferably at least about 50% formamide. Stringent temperature conditions will ordinarily include temperatures of at least about 30°C, more preferably of at least about 37°C, and  
20 most preferably of at least about 42°C. Varying additional parameters, such as hybridization time, the concentration of detergent, e.g., sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), and the inclusion or exclusion of carrier DNA, are well known to those skilled in the art. Various levels of stringency are accomplished by combining these various conditions as needed. In a preferred embodiment, hybridization will occur at 30°C in 750 mM NaCl, 75  
25 mM trisodium citrate, and 1% SDS. In a more preferred embodiment, hybridization will occur at 37°C in 500 mM NaCl, 50 mM trisodium citrate, 1% SDS, 35% formamide, and 100 µg/ml denatured salmon sperm DNA (ssDNA). In a most preferred embodiment, hybridization will occur at 42°C in 250 mM NaCl, 25 mM trisodium citrate, 1% SDS, 50 % formamide, and 200 µg/ml ssDNA. Useful variations on these conditions will be  
30 readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

The washing steps which follow hybridization can also vary in stringency. Wash stringency conditions can be defined by salt concentration and by temperature. As above,



wash stringency can be increased by decreasing salt concentration or by increasing temperature. For example, stringent salt concentration for the wash steps will preferably be less than about 30 mM NaCl and 3 mM trisodium citrate, and most preferably less than about 15 mM NaCl and 1.5 mM trisodium citrate. Stringent temperature conditions for the wash steps will ordinarily include temperature of at least about 25°C, more preferably of at least about 42°C, and most preferably of at least about 68°C. In a preferred embodiment, wash steps will occur at 25°C in 30 mM NaCl, 3 mM trisodium citrate, and 0.1% SDS. In a more preferred embodiment, wash steps will occur at 42°C in 15 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM trisodium citrate, and 0.1% SDS. In a most preferred embodiment, wash steps will occur at 68°C in 15 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM trisodium citrate, and 0.1% SDS. Additional variations on these conditions will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

Methods for DNA sequencing and analysis are well known in the art. The methods may employ such enzymes as the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I, SEQUENASE® (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech Ltd., Uppsala, Sweden), Taq polymerase (The Perkin-Elmer Corp., Norwalk, CT), thermostable T7 polymerase (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech Ltd., Uppsala, Sweden), or combinations of polymerases and proofreading exonucleases, such as those found in the ELONGASE™ amplification system (Life Technologies, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD). Preferably, sequence preparation is automated with machines, e.g., the ABI CATALYST™ 800 (Perkin Elmer) or MICROLAB® 2200 (Hamilton Co., Reno, NV) sequence preparation machines, in combination with thermal cyclers. Sequencing can also be automated, such as by ABI PRISM™ 373 or 377 DNA sequencers (The Perkin-Elmer Corp., Norwalk, CT) or the MEGABACE™ 1000 capillary electrophoresis system (Molecular Dynamics, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA). Sequences can be analyzed using computer programs and algorithms well known in the art. (See, e.g., Ausubel, supra, unit 7.7; and Meyers, R.A. (1995) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Wiley VCH, Inc, New York, NY.)

The nucleic acid sequences encoding HUTRAN may be extended utilizing a partial nucleotide sequence and employing various PCR-based methods known in the art to detect upstream sequences, such as promoters and regulatory elements. For example, one method which may be employed, restriction-site PCR, uses universal and nested primers to amplify unknown sequence from genomic DNA within a cloning vector. (See, e.g., Sarkar, G. (1993) PCR Methods Applic. 2:318-322.) Another method, inverse PCR, uses primers that extend in divergent directions to amplify unknown sequence from a

circularized template. The template is derived from restriction fragments comprising a known genomic locus and surrounding sequences. (See, e.g., Triglia, T. et al. (1988) Nucleic Acids Res. 16:8186.) A third method, capture PCR, involves PCR amplification of DNA fragments adjacent to known sequences in human and yeast artificial chromosome DNA. (See, e.g., Lagerstrom, M. et al. (1991) PCR Methods Applic. 1:111-119.) In this method, multiple restriction enzyme digestions and ligations may be used to insert an engineered double-stranded sequence into a region of unknown sequence before performing PCR. Other methods which may be used to retrieve unknown sequences are known in the art. (See, e.g., Parker, J.D. et al. (1991) Nucleic Acids Res. 19:3055-306).

10 Additionally, one may use PCR, nested primers, and PromoterFinder™ libraries to walk genomic DNA (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA). This procedure avoids the need to screen libraries and is useful in finding intron/exon junctions. For all PCR-based methods, primers may be designed using commercially available software, such as OLIGO™ 4.06 Primer Analysis software (National Biosciences Inc., Plymouth, MN) or another

15 appropriate program, to be about 22 to 30 nucleotides in length, to have a GC content of about 50% or more, and to anneal to the template at temperatures of about 68°C to 72°C.

When screening for full-length cDNAs, it is preferable to use libraries that have been size-selected to include larger cDNAs. In addition, random-primed libraries, which often include sequences containing the 5' regions of genes, are preferable for situations in

20 which an oligo d(T) library does not yield a full-length cDNA. Genomic libraries may be useful for extension of sequence into 5' non-transcribed regulatory regions.

Capillary electrophoresis systems which are commercially available may be used to analyze the size or confirm the nucleotide sequence of sequencing or PCR products. In particular, capillary sequencing may employ flowable polymers for electrophoretic

25 separation, four different nucleotide-specific, laser-stimulated fluorescent dyes, and a charge coupled device camera for detection of the emitted wavelengths. Output/light intensity may be converted to electrical signal using appropriate software (e.g., Genotyper™ and Sequence Navigator™, Perkin Elmer), and the entire process from loading of samples to computer analysis and electronic data display may be computer

30 controlled. Capillary electrophoresis is especially preferable for sequencing small DNA fragments which may be present in limited amounts in a particular sample.

In another embodiment of the invention, polynucleotide sequences or fragments

thereof which encode HUTRAN may be cloned in recombinant DNA molecules that direct expression of HUTRAN, or fragments or functional equivalents thereof, in appropriate host cells. Due to the inherent degeneracy of the genetic code, other DNA sequences which encode substantially the same or a functionally equivalent amino acid sequence may  
5 be produced and used to express HUTRAN.

The nucleotide sequences of the present invention can be engineered using methods generally known in the art in order to alter HUTRAN-encoding sequences for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, modification of the cloning, processing, and/or expression of the gene product. DNA shuffling by random fragmentation and PCR  
10 reassembly of gene fragments and synthetic oligonucleotides may be used to engineer the nucleotide sequences. For example, oligonucleotide-mediated site-directed mutagenesis may be used to introduce mutations that create new restriction sites, alter glycosylation patterns, change codon preference, produce splice variants, and so forth.

In another embodiment, sequences encoding HUTRAN may be synthesized, in  
15 whole or in part, using chemical methods well known in the art. (See, e.g., Caruthers, M.H. et al. (1980) Nucl. Acids Res. Symp. Ser. 215-223, and Horn, T. et al. (1980) Nucl. Acids Res. Symp. Ser. 225-232.) Alternatively, HUTRAN itself or a fragment thereof may be synthesized using chemical methods. For example, peptide synthesis can be performed using various solid-phase techniques. (See, e.g., Roberge, J.Y. et al. (1995)  
20 Science 269:202-204.) Automated synthesis may be achieved using the ABI 431A Peptide Synthesizer (Perkin Elmer). Additionally, the amino acid sequence of HUTRAN, or any part thereof, may be altered during direct synthesis and/or combined with sequences from other proteins, or any part thereof, to produce a variant polypeptide.

The peptide may be substantially purified by preparative high performance liquid  
25 chromatography. (See, e.g., Chiez, R.M. and F.Z. Regnier (1990) Methods Enzymol. 182:392-421.) The composition of the synthetic peptides may be confirmed by amino acid analysis or by sequencing. (See, e.g., Creighton, T. (1984) Proteins, Structures and Molecular Properties, WH Freeman and Co., New York, NY.)

In order to express a biologically active HUTRAN, the nucleotide sequences  
30 encoding HUTRAN or derivatives thereof may be inserted into an appropriate expression vector, i.e., a vector which contains the necessary elements for transcriptional and translational control of the inserted coding sequence in a suitable host. These elements

include regulatory sequences, such as enhancers, constitutive and inducible promoters, and 5' and 3' untranslated regions in the vector and in polynucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN. Such elements may vary in their strength and specificity. Specific initiation signals may also be used to achieve more efficient translation of sequences encoding HUTRAN. Such signals include the ATG initiation codon and adjacent sequences, e.g. the Kozak sequence. In cases where sequences encoding HUTRAN and its initiation codon and upstream regulatory sequences are inserted into the appropriate expression vector, no additional transcriptional or translational control signals may be needed. However, in cases where only coding sequence, or a fragment thereof, is inserted, exogenous translational control signals including an in-frame ATG initiation codon should be provided by the vector. Exogenous translational elements and initiation codons may be of various origins, both natural and synthetic. The efficiency of expression may be enhanced by the inclusion of enhancers appropriate for the particular host cell system used. (See, e.g., Scharf, D. et al. (1994) *Results Probl. Cell Differ.* 20:125-162.)

Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art may be used to construct expression vectors containing sequences encoding HUTRAN and appropriate transcriptional and translational control elements. These methods include in vitro recombinant DNA techniques, synthetic techniques, and in vivo genetic recombination. (See, e.g., Sambrook, J. et al. (1989) Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Plainview, NY, ch. 4, 8, and 16-17; and Ausubel, F.M. et al. (1995, and periodic supplements) Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY, ch. 9, 13, and 16.)

A variety of expression vector/host systems may be utilized to contain and express sequences encoding HUTRAN. These include, but are not limited to, microorganisms such as bacteria transformed with recombinant bacteriophage, plasmid, or cosmid DNA expression vectors; yeast transformed with yeast expression vectors; insect cell systems infected with viral expression vectors (e.g., baculovirus); plant cell systems transformed with viral expression vectors (e.g., cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) or tobacco mosaic virus (TMV)) or with bacterial expression vectors (e.g., Ti or pBR322 plasmids); or animal cell systems. The invention is not limited by the host cell employed.

In bacterial systems, a number of cloning and expression vectors may be selected depending upon the use intended for polynucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN. For

example, routine cloning, subcloning, and propagation of polynucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN can be achieved using a multifunctional E. coli vector such as Bluescript® (Stratagene) or pSport1™ plasmid (Life Technologies, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD). Ligation of sequences encoding HUTRAN into the vector's multiple cloning site  
5 disrupts the *lacZ* gene, allowing a colorimetric screening procedure for identification of transformed bacteria containing recombinant molecules. In addition, these vectors may be useful for in vitro transcription, dideoxy sequencing, single strand rescue with helper phage, and creation of nested deletions in the cloned sequence. (See, e.g., Van Heeke, G. and S.M. Schuster (1989) *J. Biol. Chem.* 264:5503-5509.) When large quantities of  
10 HUTRAN are needed, e.g. for the production of antibodies, vectors which direct high level expression of HUTRAN may be used. For example, vectors containing the strong, inducible T5 or T7 bacteriophage promoter may be used.

Yeast expression systems may be used for production of HUTRAN. A number of vectors containing constitutive or inducible promoters, such as alpha factor, alcohol  
15 oxidase, and PGH, may be used in the yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae or Pichia pastoris. In addition, such vectors direct either the secretion or intracellular retention of expressed proteins and enable integration of foreign sequences into the host genome for stable propagation. (See, e.g., Ausubel, supra; and Grant et al. (1987) *Methods Enzymol.* 153:516-54; Scorer, C. A. et al. (1994) *Bio/Technology* 12:181-184.)

20 Plant systems may also be used for expression of HUTRAN. Transcription of sequences encoding HUTRAN may be driven viral promoters, e.g., the 35S and 19S promoters of CaMV used alone or in combination with the omega leader sequence from TMV. (Takamatsu, N. (1987) *EMBO J.* 6:307-311.) Alternatively, plant promoters such as the small subunit of RUBISCO or heat shock promoters may be used. (See, e.g.,  
25 Coruzzi, G. et al. (1984) *EMBO J.* 3:1671-1680; Broglie, R. et al. (1984) *Science* 224:838-843; and Winter, J. et al. (1991) *Results Probl. Cell Differ.* 17:85-105.) These constructs can be introduced into plant cells by direct DNA transformation or pathogen-mediated transfection. (See, e.g., Hobbs, S. or Murry, L.E. in McGraw Hill Yearbook of Science and Technology (1992) McGraw Hill, New York, NY; pp. 191-196.)

30 In mammalian cells, a number of viral-based expression systems may be utilized. In cases where an adenovirus is used as an expression vector, sequences encoding HUTRAN may be ligated into an adenovirus transcription/translation complex consisting

of the late promoter and tripartite leader sequence. Insertion in a non-essential E1 or E3 region of the viral genome may be used to obtain infective virus which expresses HUTRAN in host cells. (See, e.g., Logan, J. and T. Shenk (1984) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 81:3655-3659.) In addition, transcription enhancers, such as the Rous sarcoma virus  
5 (RSV) enhancer, may be used to increase expression in mammalian host cells. SV40 or EBV-based vectors may also be used for high-level protein expression.

Human artificial chromosomes (HACs) may also be employed to deliver larger fragments of DNA than can be contained in and expressed from a plasmid. HACs of about 6 kb to 10 Mb are constructed and delivered via conventional delivery methods  
10 (liposomes, polycationic amino polymers, or vesicles) for therapeutic purposes.

For long term production of recombinant proteins in mammalian systems, stable expression of HUTRAN in cell lines is preferred. For example, sequences encoding HUTRAN can be transformed into cell lines using expression vectors which may contain viral origins of replication and/or endogenous expression elements and a selectable marker  
15 gene on the same or on a separate vector. Following the introduction of the vector, cells may be allowed to grow for about 1 to 2 days in enriched media before being switched to selective media. The purpose of the selectable marker is to confer resistance to a selective agent, and its presence allows growth and recovery of cells which successfully express the introduced sequences. Resistant clones of stably transformed cells may be propagated  
20 using tissue culture techniques appropriate to the cell type.

Any number of selection systems may be used to recover transformed cell lines. These include, but are not limited to, the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase and adenine phosphoribosyltransferase genes, for use in *tk* or *apr*<sup>-</sup> cells, respectively. (See, e.g., Wigler, M. et al. (1977) Cell 11:223-232; and Lowy, I. et al. (1980) Cell 22:817-823.)  
25 Also, antimetabolite, antibiotic, or herbicide resistance can be used as the basis for selection. For example, *dhfr* confers resistance to methotrexate; *neo* confers resistance to the aminoglycosides neomycin and G-418; and *als* or *pat* confer resistance to chlorsulfuron and phosphinotricin acetyltransferase, respectively. (See, e.g., Wigler, M. et al. (1980) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 77:3567-3570; Colbere-Garapin, F. et al (1981) J. Mol.  
30 Biol. 150:1-14; and Murry, supra.) Additional selectable genes have been described, e.g., *trpB* and *hisD*, which alter cellular requirements for metabolites. (See, e.g., Hartman, S.C. and R.C. Mulligan (1988) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 85:8047-8051.) Visible markers, e.g.,

anthocyanins, green fluorescent proteins (GFP) (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA),  $\beta$  glucuronidase and its substrate  $\beta$ -D-glucuronoside, or luciferase and its substrate luciferin may be used. These markers can be used not only to identify transformants, but also to quantify the amount of transient or stable protein expression attributable to a specific vector system.

5 (See, e.g., Rhodes, C.A. et al. (1995) *Methods Mol. Biol.* 55:121-131.)

Although the presence/absence of marker gene expression suggests that the gene of interest is also present, the presence and expression of the gene may need to be confirmed. For example, if the sequence encoding HUTRAN is inserted within a marker gene sequence, transformed cells containing sequences encoding HUTRAN can be identified by  
10 the absence of marker gene function. Alternatively, a marker gene can be placed in tandem with a sequence encoding HUTRAN under the control of a single promoter. Expression of the marker gene in response to induction or selection usually indicates expression of the tandem gene as well.

In general, host cells that contain the nucleic acid sequence encoding HUTRAN  
15 and that express HUTRAN may be identified by a variety of procedures known to those of skill in the art. These procedures include, but are not limited to, DNA-DNA or DNA-RNA hybridizations, PCR amplification, and protein bioassay or immunoassay techniques which include membrane, solution, or chip based technologies for the detection and/or quantification of nucleic acid or protein sequences.

20 Immunological methods for detecting and measuring the expression of HUTRAN using either specific polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies are known in the art. Examples of such techniques include enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs), radioimmunoassays (RIAs), and fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS). A two-site, monoclonal-based immunoassay utilizing monoclonal antibodies reactive to two  
25 non-interfering epitopes on HUTRAN is preferred, but a competitive binding assay may be employed. These and other assays are well known in the art. (See, e.g., Hampton, R. et al. (1990) Serological Methods, a Laboratory Manual, APS Press, St Paul, MN, Section IV; Coligan, J. E. et al. (1997 and periodic supplements) Current Protocols in Immunology, Greene Pub. Associates and Wiley-Interscience, New York, NY; and Maddox, D.E. et al.  
30 (1983) *J. Exp. Med.* 158:1211-1216).

A wide variety of labels and conjugation techniques are known by those skilled in the art and may be used in various nucleic acid and amino acid assays. Means for

producing labeled hybridization or PCR probes for detecting sequences related to polynucleotides encoding HUTRAN include oligolabeling, nick translation, end-labeling, or PCR amplification using a labeled nucleotide. Alternatively, the sequences encoding HUTRAN, or any fragments thereof, may be cloned into a vector for the production of an mRNA probe. Such vectors are known in the art, are commercially available, and may be used to synthesize RNA probes in vitro by addition of an appropriate RNA polymerase such as T7, T3, or SP6 and labeled nucleotides. These procedures may be conducted using a variety of commercially available kits, such as those provided by Amersham Pharmacia Biotech (Piscataway, NJ), Promega (Madison, WI), and U.S. Biochemical Corp. (Cleveland, OH). Suitable reporter molecules or labels which may be used for ease of detection include radionuclides, enzymes, fluorescent, chemiluminescent, or chromogenic agents, as well as substrates, cofactors, inhibitors, magnetic particles, and the like.

Host cells transformed with nucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN may be cultured under conditions suitable for the expression and recovery of the protein from cell culture. The protein produced by a transformed cell may be secreted or retained intracellularly depending on the sequence and/or the vector used. As will be understood by those of skill in the art, expression vectors containing polynucleotides which encode HUTRAN may be designed to contain signal sequences which direct secretion of HUTRAN through a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell membrane.

In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen for its ability to modulate expression of the inserted sequences or to process the expressed protein in the desired fashion. Such modifications of the polypeptide include, but are not limited to, acetylation, carboxylation, glycosylation, phosphorylation, lipidation, and acylation. Post-translational processing which cleaves a "prepro" form of the protein may also be used to specify protein targeting, folding, and/or activity. Different host cells which have specific cellular machinery and characteristic mechanisms for post-translational activities (e.g., CHO, HeLa, MDCK, HEK293, and WI38), are available from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, Bethesda, MD) and may be chosen to ensure the correct modification and processing of the foreign protein.

In another embodiment of the invention, natural, modified, or recombinant nucleic acid sequences encoding HUTRAN may be ligated to a heterologous sequence resulting in translation of a fusion protein in any of the aforementioned host systems. For example, a



chimeric HUTRAN protein containing a heterologous moiety that can be recognized by a commercially available antibody may facilitate the screening of peptide libraries for inhibitors of HUTRAN activity. Heterologous protein and peptide moieties may also facilitate purification of fusion proteins using commercially available affinity matrices.

5 Such moieties include, but are not limited to, glutathione S-transferase (GST), maltose binding protein (MBP), thioredoxin (Trx), calmodulin binding peptide (CBP), 6-His, FLAG, *c-myc*, and hemagglutinin (HA). GST, MBP, Trx, CBP, and 6-His enable purification of their cognate fusion proteins on immobilized glutathione, maltose, phenylarsine oxide, calmodulin, and metal-chelate resins, respectively. FLAG, *c-myc*, and  
10 hemagglutinin (HA) enable immunoaffinity purification of fusion proteins using commercially available monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies that specifically recognize these epitope tags. A fusion protein may also be engineered to contain a proteolytic cleavage site located between the HUTRAN encoding sequence and the heterologous protein sequence, so that HUTRAN may be cleaved away from the heterologous moiety  
15 following purification. Methods for fusion protein expression and purification are discussed in Ausubel, F. M. et al. (1995 and periodic supplements) Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY, ch 10. A variety of commercially available kits may also be used to facilitate expression and purification of fusion proteins.

20 In a further embodiment of the invention, synthesis of radiolabeled HUTRAN may be achieved in vitro using the TNT™ rabbit reticulocyte lysate or wheat germ extract systems (Promega, Madison, WI). These systems couple transcription and translation of protein-coding sequences operably associated with the T7, T3, or SP6 promoters. Translation takes place in the presence of a radiolabeled amino acid precursor, preferably  
25 <sup>35</sup>S-methionine.

Fragments of HUTRAN may be produced not only by recombinant production, but also by direct peptide synthesis using solid-phase techniques. (See, e.g., Creighton, supra pp. 55-60.) Protein synthesis may be performed by manual techniques or by automation. Automated synthesis may be achieved, for example, using the Applied Biosystems 431A  
30 Peptide Synthesizer (Perkin Elmer). Various fragments of HUTRAN may be synthesized separately and then combined to produce the full length molecule.

## THERAPEUTICS

Chemical and structural similarity, e.g., in the context of sequences and motifs, exists between HUTRAN-1 and glutamine-phenylpyruvate aminotransferase from man (GI 758591), between HUTRAN-2 and kynurenine/ $\alpha$ -amino adipate aminotransferase from rat (GI 1050752), and between HUTRAN-3 and arginine methyltransferase from man (GI 1808648). In addition, HUTRAN is expressed in cancerous, inflamed, male and female reproductive, nervous, and gastrointestinal tissues. Therefore, HUTRAN appears to play a role in autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, reproductive, and gastrointestinal disorders, and cancer.

Therefore, in one embodiment, an antagonist of HUTRAN may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent an autoimmune/inflammatory disorder. Such an autoimmune/inflammatory disorder may include, but is not limited to, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), Addison's disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, allergies, ankylosing spondylitis, amyloidosis, anemia, asthma, atherosclerosis, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune thyroiditis, bronchitis, cholecystitis, contact dermatitis, Crohn's disease, atopic dermatitis, dermatomyositis, diabetes mellitus, emphysema, episodic lymphopenia with lymphocytotoxins, erythroblastosis fetalis, erythema nodosum, atrophic gastritis, glomerulonephritis, Goodpasture's syndrome, gout, Graves' disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, hypereosinophilia, irritable bowel syndrome, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, myocardial or pericardial inflammation, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, pancreatitis, polymyositis, psoriasis, Reiter's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic anaphylaxis, systemic lupus erythematosus, systemic sclerosis, thrombocytopenic purpura, ulcerative colitis, uveitis, Werner syndrome, complications of cancer, hemodialysis, and extracorporeal circulation, viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic, protozoal, and helminthic infections, and trauma. In one aspect, an antibody which specifically binds HUTRAN may be used directly as an antagonist or indirectly as a targeting or delivery mechanism for bringing a pharmaceutical agent to cells or tissue which express HUTRAN.

In an additional embodiment, a vector expressing the complement of the polynucleotide encoding HUTRAN may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent an autoimmune/inflammatory disorder including, but not limited to, those described above.

In another embodiment, HUTRAN or a fragment or derivative thereof may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a neurological disorder. Such neurological disorders can include, but are not limited to, epilepsy, ischemic cerebrovascular disease, stroke, cerebral neoplasms, Alzheimer's disease, Pick's disease, Huntington's disease, dementia, Parkinson's disease and other extrapyramidal disorders, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and other motor neuron disorders, progressive neural muscular atrophy, retinitis pigmentosa, hereditary ataxias, multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases, bacterial and viral meningitis, brain abscess, subdural empyema, epidural abscess, suppurative intracranial thrombophlebitis, myelitis and radiculitis, viral central nervous system disease; prion diseases including kuru, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, and Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker syndrome; fatal familial insomnia, nutritional and metabolic diseases of the nervous system, neurofibromatosis, tuberous sclerosis, cerebelloretinal hemangioblastomatosis, encephalotrigeminal syndrome, mental retardation and other developmental disorders of the central nervous system, cerebral palsy, neuroskeletal disorders, autonomic nervous system disorders, cranial nerve disorders, spinal cord diseases, muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders, peripheral nervous system disorders, dermatomyositis and polymyositis; inherited, metabolic, endocrine, and toxic myopathies; myasthenia gravis, periodic paralysis; mental disorders including mood, anxiety, and schizophrenic disorders; akathisia, amnesia, catatonia, diabetic neuropathy, tardive dyskinesia, dystonias, paranoid psychoses, postherpetic neuralgia, and Tourette's disorder.

In another embodiment, a vector capable of expressing HUTRAN or a fragment or derivative thereof may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a neurological disorder including, but not limited to, those described above.

In a further embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified HUTRAN in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a neurological disorder including, but not limited to, those provided above.

In still another embodiment, an agonist which modulates the activity of HUTRAN may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a neurological disorder including, but not limited to, those listed above.

In another embodiment, HUTRAN or a fragment or derivative thereof may be

administered to a subject to treat or prevent a reproductive disorder. Such reproductive disorders can include, but are not limited to, disorders of prolactin production; infertility, including tubal disease, ovulatory defects, and endometriosis; disruptions of the estrous cycle, disruptions of the menstrual cycle, polycystic ovary syndrome, ovarian

5 hyperstimulation syndrome, endometrial and ovarian tumors, uterine fibroids, autoimmune disorders, ectopic pregnancies, and teratogenesis; cancer of the breast, fibrocystic breast disease, and galactorrhea; disruptions of spermatogenesis, abnormal sperm physiology, cancer of the testis, cancer of the prostate, benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis, Peyronie's disease, carcinoma of the male breast, and gynecomastia.

10 In another embodiment, a vector capable of expressing HUTRAN or a fragment or derivative thereof may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a reproductive disorder including, but not limited to, those described above.

In a further embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified HUTRAN in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier may be  
15 administered to a subject to treat or prevent a reproductive disorder including, but not limited to, those provided above.

In still another embodiment, an agonist which modulates the activity of HUTRAN may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a reproductive disorder including, but not limited to, those listed above.

20 In another embodiment, HUTRAN or a fragment or derivative thereof may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a gastrointestinal disorder. Such gastrointestinal disorders can include, but are not limited to, dysphagia, peptic esophagitis, esophageal spasm, esophageal stricture, esophageal carcinoma, dyspepsia, indigestion, gastritis, gastric carcinoma, anorexia, nausea, emesis, gastroparesis, antral or pyloric  
25 edema, abdominal angina, pyrosis, gastroenteritis, intestinal obstruction, infections of the intestinal tract, peptic ulcer, cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, cholestasis, pancreatitis, pancreatic carcinoma, biliary tract disease, hepatitis, hyperbilirubinemia, cirrhosis, passive congestion of the liver, hepatoma, infectious colitis, ulcerative colitis, ulcerative proctitis, Crohn's disease, Whipple's disease, Mallory-Weiss syndrome, colonic carcinoma, colonic  
30 obstruction, irritable bowel syndrome, short bowel syndrome, diarrhea, constipation, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) enteropathy.

In another embodiment, a vector capable of expressing HUTRAN or a fragment or derivative thereof may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a gastrointestinal disorder including, but not limited to, those described above.

In a further embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially  
5 purified HUTRAN in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a gastrointestinal disorder including, but not limited to, those provided above.

In still another embodiment, an agonist which modulates the activity of HUTRAN may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a gastrointestinal disorder including,  
10 but not limited to, those listed above.

In another embodiment, an antagonist of HUTRAN may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a cancer. Such a cancer may include, but is not limited to, adenocarcinoma, leukemia, lymphoma, melanoma, myeloma, sarcoma, teratocarcinoma, and, in particular, cancers of the adrenal gland, bladder, bone, bone marrow, brain, breast,  
15 cervix, gall bladder, ganglia, gastrointestinal tract, heart, kidney, liver, lung, muscle, ovary, pancreas, parathyroid, penis, prostate, salivary glands, skin, spleen, testis, thymus, thyroid, and uterus. In one aspect, an antibody which specifically binds HUTRAN may be used directly as an antagonist or indirectly as a targeting or delivery mechanism for bringing a pharmaceutical agent to cells or tissue which express HUTRAN.

20 In an additional embodiment, a vector expressing the complement of the polynucleotide encoding HUTRAN may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a cancer including, but not limited to, those described above.

In other embodiments, any of the proteins, antagonists, antibodies, agonists, complementary sequences, or vectors of the invention may be administered in combination  
25 with other appropriate therapeutic agents. Selection of the appropriate agents for use in combination therapy may be made by one of ordinary skill in the art, according to conventional pharmaceutical principles. The combination of therapeutic agents may act synergistically to effect the treatment or prevention of the various disorders described above. Using this approach, one may be able to achieve therapeutic efficacy with lower  
30 dosages of each agent, thus reducing the potential for adverse side effects.

An antagonist of HUTRAN may be produced using methods which are generally known in the art. In particular, purified HUTRAN may be used to produce antibodies or to

screen libraries of pharmaceutical agents to identify those which specifically bind HUTRAN. Antibodies to HUTRAN may also be generated using methods that are well known in the art. Such antibodies may include, but are not limited to, polyclonal, monoclonal, chimeric, and single chain antibodies, Fab fragments, and fragments produced  
5 by a Fab expression library. Neutralizing antibodies (i.e., those which inhibit dimer formation) are especially preferred for therapeutic use.

For the production of polyclonal antibodies, various hosts including goats, rabbits, rats, mice, humans, and others may be immunized by injection with HUTRAN or with any fragment or oligopeptide thereof which has immunogenic properties. Rats and mice are  
10 preferred hosts for downstream applications involving monoclonal antibody production. Depending on the host species, various adjuvants may be used to increase immunological response. Such adjuvants include, but are not limited to, Freund's, mineral gels such as aluminum hydroxide, and surface active substances such as lysolecithin, pluronic polyols, polyanions, peptides, oil emulsions, KLH, and dinitrophenol. Among adjuvants used in  
15 humans, BCG (bacilli Calmette-Guerin) and Corynebacterium parvum are especially preferable. (For review of methods for antibody production and analysis, see, e.g., Harlow, E. and Lane, D. (1988) Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.)

It is preferred that the oligopeptides, peptides, or fragments used to induce  
20 antibodies to HUTRAN have an amino acid sequence consisting of at least about 5 amino acids, and, more preferably, of at least about 14 amino acids. It is also preferable that these oligopeptides, peptides, or fragments are identical to a portion of the amino acid sequence of the natural protein and contain the entire amino acid sequence of a small, naturally occurring molecule. Short stretches of HUTRAN amino acids may be fused with  
25 those of another protein, such as KLH, and antibodies to the chimeric molecule may be produced.

Monoclonal antibodies to HUTRAN may be prepared using any technique which provides for the production of antibody molecules by continuous cell lines in culture. These include, but are not limited to, the hybridoma technique, the human B-cell  
30 hybridoma technique, and the EBV-hybridoma technique. (See, e.g., Kohler, G. et al. (1975) *Nature* 256:495-497; Kozbor, D. et al. (1985) *J. Immunol. Methods* 81:31-42; Cote, R.J. et al. (1983) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 80:2026-2030; and Cole, S.P. et al. (1984) *Mol.*

Cell Biol. 62:109-120.)

In addition, techniques developed for the production of "chimeric antibodies," such as the splicing of mouse antibody genes to human antibody genes to obtain a molecule with appropriate antigen specificity and biological activity, can be used. (See, e.g.,

- 5 Morrison, S.L. et al. (1984) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 81:6851-6855; Neuberger, M.S. et al. (1984) Nature 312:604-608; and Takeda, S. et al. (1985) Nature 314:452-454.)

Alternatively, techniques described for the production of single chain antibodies may be adapted, using methods known in the art, to produce HUTRAN-specific single chain antibodies. Antibodies with related specificity, but of distinct idiotypic composition, may  
10 be generated by chain shuffling from random combinatorial immunoglobulin libraries. (See, e.g., Burton D.R. (1991) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 88:10134-10137.)

Antibodies may also be produced by inducing in vivo production in the lymphocyte population or by screening immunoglobulin libraries or panels of highly specific binding reagents as disclosed in the literature. (See, e.g., Orlandi, R. et al. (1989)  
15 Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 86: 3833-3837; and Winter, G. et al. (1991) Nature 349:293-299.)

Antibody fragments which contain specific binding sites for HUTRAN may also be generated. For example, such fragments include, but are not limited to, F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragments produced by pepsin digestion of the antibody molecule and Fab fragments generated by reducing the disulfide bridges of the F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragments. Alternatively, Fab expression  
20 libraries may be constructed to allow rapid and easy identification of monoclonal Fab fragments with the desired specificity. (See, e.g., Huse, W.D. et al. (1989) Science 246:1275-1281.)

Various immunoassays may be used for screening to identify antibodies having the desired specificity and minimal cross-reactivity. Numerous protocols for competitive  
25 binding or immunoradiometric assays using either polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies with established specificities are well known in the art. Such immunoassays typically involve the measurement of complex formation between HUTRAN and its specific antibody. A two-site, monoclonal-based immunoassay utilizing monoclonal antibodies reactive to two non-interfering HUTRAN epitopes is preferred, but a competitive binding  
30 assay may also be employed. (Maddox, supra.)

Various methods such as Scatchard analysis in conjunction with radioimmunoassay techniques may be used to assess the affinity of antibodies for HUTRAN. Affinity is

expressed as an association constant,  $K_a$ , which is defined as the molar concentration of HUTRAN-antibody complex divided by the molar concentrations of free antigen and free antibody under equilibrium conditions. The  $K_a$  determined for a preparation of polyclonal antibodies, which are heterogeneous in their affinities for multiple HUTRAN epitopes, represents the average affinity, or avidity, of the antibodies for HUTRAN. The  $K_a$  determined for a preparation of monoclonal antibodies, which are monospecific for a particular HUTRAN epitope, represents a true measure of affinity. High-affinity antibody preparations with  $K_a$  ranging from about  $10^9$  to  $10^{12}$  L/mole are preferred for use in immunoassays in which the HUTRAN-antibody complex must withstand rigorous manipulations. Low-affinity antibody preparations with  $K_a$  ranging from about  $10^6$  to  $10^7$  L/mole are preferred for use in immunopurification and similar procedures which ultimately require dissociation of HUTRAN, preferably in active form, from the antibody. (Catty, D. (1988) Antibodies, Volume I: A Practical Approach, IRL Press, Washington, D. C.; and Liddell, J. E. and Cryer, A. (1991) A Practical Guide to Monoclonal Antibodies, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY.)

The titre and avidity of polyclonal antibody preparations may be further evaluated to determine the quality and suitability of such preparations for certain downstream applications. For example, a polyclonal antibody preparation containing at least 1-2 mg specific antibody/ml, preferably 5-10 mg specific antibody/ml, is preferred for use in procedures requiring precipitation of HUTRAN-antibody complexes. Procedures for evaluating antibody specificity, titer, and avidity, and guidelines for antibody quality and usage in various applications, are generally available. (See, e.g., Catty, supra, and Coligan et al. supra.)

In another embodiment of the invention, the polynucleotides encoding HUTRAN, or any fragment or complement thereof, may be used for therapeutic purposes. In one aspect, the complement of the polynucleotide encoding HUTRAN may be used in situations in which it would be desirable to block the transcription of the mRNA. In particular, cells may be transformed with sequences complementary to polynucleotides encoding HUTRAN. Thus, complementary molecules or fragments may be used to modulate HUTRAN activity, or to achieve regulation of gene function. Such technology is now well known in the art, and sense or antisense oligonucleotides or larger fragments can be designed from various locations along the coding or control regions of sequences



encoding HUTRAN.

Expression vectors derived from retroviruses, adenoviruses, or herpes or vaccinia viruses, or from various bacterial plasmids, may be used for delivery of nucleotide sequences to the targeted organ, tissue, or cell population. Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art can be used to construct vectors to express nucleic acid sequences complementary to the polynucleotides encoding HUTRAN. (See, e.g., Sambrook, supra; and Ausubel, supra.)

Genes encoding HUTRAN can be turned off by transforming a cell or tissue with expression vectors which express high levels of a polynucleotide, or fragment thereof, encoding HUTRAN. Such constructs may be used to introduce untranslatable sense or antisense sequences into a cell. Even in the absence of integration into the DNA, such vectors may continue to transcribe RNA molecules until they are disabled by endogenous nucleases. Transient expression may last for a month or more with a non-replicating vector, and may last even longer if appropriate replication elements are part of the vector system.

As mentioned above, modifications of gene expression can be obtained by designing complementary sequences or antisense molecules (DNA, RNA, or PNA) to the control, 5', or regulatory regions of the gene encoding HUTRAN. Oligonucleotides derived from the transcription initiation site, e.g., between about positions -10 and +10 from the start site, are preferred. Similarly, inhibition can be achieved using triple helix base-pairing methodology. Triple helix pairing is useful because it causes inhibition of the ability of the double helix to open sufficiently for the binding of polymerases, transcription factors, or regulatory molecules. Recent therapeutic advances using triplex DNA have been described in the literature. (See, e.g., Gee, J.E. et al. (1994) in Huber, B.E. and B.I. Carr, Molecular and Immunologic Approaches, Futura Publishing Co., Mt. Kisco, NY, pp. 163-177.) A complementary sequence or antisense molecule may also be designed to block translation of mRNA by preventing the transcript from binding to ribosomes.

Ribozymes, enzymatic RNA molecules, may also be used to catalyze the specific cleavage of RNA. The mechanism of ribozyme action involves sequence-specific hybridization of the ribozyme molecule to complementary target RNA, followed by endonucleolytic cleavage. For example, engineered hammerhead motif ribozyme molecules may specifically and efficiently catalyze endonucleolytic cleavage of sequences

encoding HUTRAN.

Specific ribozyme cleavage sites within any potential RNA target are initially identified by scanning the target molecule for ribozyme cleavage sites, including the following sequences: GUA, GUU, and GUC. Once identified, short RNA sequences of  
5 between 15 and 20 ribonucleotides, corresponding to the region of the target gene containing the cleavage site, may be evaluated for secondary structural features which may render the oligonucleotide inoperable. The suitability of candidate targets may also be evaluated by testing accessibility to hybridization with complementary oligonucleotides using ribonuclease protection assays.

10 Complementary ribonucleic acid molecules and ribozymes of the invention may be prepared by any method known in the art for the synthesis of nucleic acid molecules. These include techniques for chemically synthesizing oligonucleotides such as solid phase phosphoramidite chemical synthesis. Alternatively, RNA molecules may be generated by in vitro and in vivo transcription of DNA sequences encoding HUTRAN. Such DNA  
15 sequences may be incorporated into a wide variety of vectors with suitable RNA polymerase promoters such as T7 or SP6. Alternatively, these cDNA constructs that synthesize complementary RNA, constitutively or inducibly, can be introduced into cell lines, cells, or tissues.

RNA molecules may be modified to increase intracellular stability and half-life.  
20 Possible modifications include, but are not limited to, the addition of flanking sequences at the 5' and/or 3' ends of the molecule, or the use of phosphorothioate or 2' O-methyl rather than phosphodiesterase linkages within the backbone of the molecule. This concept is inherent in the production of PNAs and can be extended in all of these molecules by the inclusion of nontraditional bases such as inosine, queosine, and wybutosine, as well as  
25 acetyl-, methyl-, thio-, and similarly modified forms of adenine, cytidine, guanine, thymine, and uridine which are not as easily recognized by endogenous endonucleases.

Many methods for introducing vectors into cells or tissues are available and equally suitable for use in vivo, in vitro, and ex vivo. For ex vivo therapy, vectors may be introduced into stem cells taken from the patient and clonally propagated for autologous  
30 transplant back into that same patient. Delivery by transfection, by liposome injections, or by polycationic amino polymers may be achieved using methods which are well known in the art. (See, e.g., Goldman, C.K. et al. (1997) Nature Biotechnology 15:462-466.)

Any of the therapeutic methods described above may be applied to any subject in need of such therapy, including, for example, mammals such as dogs, cats, cows, horses, rabbits, monkeys, and most preferably, humans.

An additional embodiment of the invention relates to the administration of a pharmaceutical or sterile composition, in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, for any of the therapeutic effects discussed above. Such pharmaceutical compositions may consist of HUTRAN, antibodies to HUTRAN, and mimetics, agonists, antagonists, or inhibitors of HUTRAN. The compositions may be administered alone or in combination with at least one other agent, such as a stabilizing compound, which may be administered in any sterile, biocompatible pharmaceutical carrier including, but not limited to, saline, buffered saline, dextrose, and water. The compositions may be administered to a patient alone, or in combination with other agents, drugs, or hormones.

The pharmaceutical compositions utilized in this invention may be administered by any number of routes including, but not limited to, oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-arterial, intramedullary, intrathecal, intraventricular, transdermal, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal, intranasal, enteral, topical, sublingual, or rectal means.

In addition to the active ingredients, these pharmaceutical compositions may contain suitable pharmaceutically-acceptable carriers comprising excipients and auxiliaries which facilitate processing of the active compounds into preparations which can be used pharmaceutically. Further details on techniques for formulation and administration may be found in the latest edition of Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences (Maack Publishing Co., Easton, PA).

Pharmaceutical compositions for oral administration can be formulated using pharmaceutically acceptable carriers well known in the art in dosages suitable for oral administration. Such carriers enable the pharmaceutical compositions to be formulated as tablets, pills, dragees, capsules, liquids, gels, syrups, slurries, suspensions, and the like, for ingestion by the patient.

Pharmaceutical preparations for oral use can be obtained through combining active compounds with solid excipient and processing the resultant mixture of granules (optionally, after grinding) to obtain tablets or dragee cores. Suitable auxiliaries can be added, if desired. Suitable excipients include carbohydrate or protein fillers, such as sugars, including lactose, sucrose, mannitol, and sorbitol; starch from corn, wheat, rice,

potato, or other plants; cellulose, such as methyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose, or sodium carboxymethylcellulose; gums, including arabic and tragacanth; and proteins, such as gelatin and collagen. If desired, disintegrating or solubilizing agents may be added, such as the cross-linked polyvinyl pyrrolidone, agar, and alginic acid or a salt thereof, such as sodium alginate.

Dragee cores may be used in conjunction with suitable coatings, such as concentrated sugar solutions, which may also contain gum arabic, talc, polyvinylpyrrolidone, carbopol gel, polyethylene glycol, and/or titanium dioxide, lacquer solutions, and suitable organic solvents or solvent mixtures. Dyestuffs or pigments may be added to the tablets or dragee coatings for product identification or to characterize the quantity of active compound, i.e., dosage.

Pharmaceutical preparations which can be used orally include push-fit capsules made of gelatin, as well as soft, sealed capsules made of gelatin and a coating, such as glycerol or sorbitol. Push-fit capsules can contain active ingredients mixed with fillers or binders, such as lactose or starches, lubricants, such as talc or magnesium stearate, and, optionally, stabilizers. In soft capsules, the active compounds may be dissolved or suspended in suitable liquids, such as fatty oils, liquid, or liquid polyethylene glycol with or without stabilizers.

Pharmaceutical formulations suitable for parenteral administration may be formulated in aqueous solutions, preferably in physiologically compatible buffers such as Hanks's solution, Ringer's solution, or physiologically buffered saline. Aqueous injection suspensions may contain substances which increase the viscosity of the suspension, such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, sorbitol, or dextran. Additionally, suspensions of the active compounds may be prepared as appropriate oily injection suspensions. Suitable lipophilic solvents or vehicles include fatty oils, such as sesame oil, or synthetic fatty acid esters, such as ethyl oleate, triglycerides, or liposomes. Non-lipid polycationic amino polymers may also be used for delivery. Optionally, the suspension may also contain suitable stabilizers or agents to increase the solubility of the compounds and allow for the preparation of highly concentrated solutions.

For topical or nasal administration, penetrants appropriate to the particular barrier to be permeated are used in the formulation. Such penetrants are generally known in the art.

The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may be manufactured in a manner that is known in the art, e.g., by means of conventional mixing, dissolving, granulating, dragee-making, levigating, emulsifying, encapsulating, entrapping, or lyophilizing processes.

5       The pharmaceutical composition may be provided as a salt and can be formed with many acids, including but not limited to, hydrochloric, sulfuric, acetic, lactic, tartaric, malic, and succinic acid. Salts tend to be more soluble in aqueous or other protonic solvents than are the corresponding free base forms. In other cases, the preferred preparation may be a lyophilized powder which may contain any or all of the following: 1  
10 mM to 50 mM histidine, 0.1% to 2% sucrose, and 2% to 7% mannitol, at a pH range of 4.5 to 5.5, that is combined with buffer prior to use.

After pharmaceutical compositions have been prepared, they can be placed in an appropriate container and labeled for treatment of an indicated condition. For administration of HUTRAN, such labeling would include amount, frequency, and method  
15 of administration.

Pharmaceutical compositions suitable for use in the invention include compositions wherein the active ingredients are contained in an effective amount to achieve the intended purpose. The determination of an effective dose is well within the capability of those skilled in the art.

20       For any compound, the therapeutically effective dose can be estimated initially either in cell culture assays, e.g., of neoplastic cells or in animal models such as mice, rats, rabbits, dogs, or pigs. An animal model may also be used to determine the appropriate concentration range and route of administration. Such information can then be used to determine useful doses and routes for administration in humans.

25       A therapeutically effective dose refers to that amount of active ingredient, for example HUTRAN or fragments thereof, antibodies of HUTRAN, and agonists, antagonists or inhibitors of HUTRAN, which ameliorates the symptoms or condition. Therapeutic efficacy and toxicity may be determined by standard pharmaceutical procedures in cell cultures or with experimental animals, such as by calculating the  $ED_{50}$   
30 (the dose therapeutically effective in 50% of the population) or  $LD_{50}$  (the dose lethal to 50% of the population) statistics. The dose ratio of therapeutic to toxic effects is the therapeutic index, and it can be expressed as the  $ED_{50}/LD_{50}$  ratio. Pharmaceutical

compositions which exhibit large therapeutic indices are preferred. The data obtained from cell culture assays and animal studies are used to formulate a range of dosage for human use. The dosage contained in such compositions is preferably within a range of circulating concentrations that includes the  $ED_{50}$  with little or no toxicity. The dosage varies within this range depending upon the dosage form employed, the sensitivity of the patient, and the route of administration.

The exact dosage will be determined by the practitioner, in light of factors related to the subject requiring treatment. Dosage and administration are adjusted to provide sufficient levels of the active moiety or to maintain the desired effect. Factors which may be taken into account include the severity of the disease state, the general health of the subject, the age, weight, and gender of the subject, time and frequency of administration, drug combination(s), reaction sensitivities, and response to therapy. Long-acting pharmaceutical compositions may be administered every 3 to 4 days, every week, or biweekly depending on the half-life and clearance rate of the particular formulation.

Normal dosage amounts may vary from about  $0.1 \mu\text{g}$  to  $100,000 \mu\text{g}$ , up to a total dose of about 1 gram, depending upon the route of administration. Guidance as to particular dosages and methods of delivery is provided in the literature and generally available to practitioners in the art. Those skilled in the art will employ different formulations for nucleotides than for proteins or their inhibitors. Similarly, delivery of polynucleotides or polypeptides will be specific to particular cells, conditions, locations, etc.

## DIAGNOSTICS

In another embodiment, antibodies which specifically bind HUTRAN may be used for the diagnosis of disorders characterized by expression of HUTRAN, or in assays to monitor patients being treated with HUTRAN or agonists, antagonists, or inhibitors of HUTRAN. Antibodies useful for diagnostic purposes may be prepared in the same manner as described above for therapeutics. Diagnostic assays for HUTRAN include methods which utilize the antibody and a label to detect HUTRAN in human body fluids or in extracts of cells or tissues. The antibodies may be used with or without modification, and may be labeled by covalent or non-covalent attachment of a reporter molecule. A wide variety of reporter molecules, several of which are described above, are known in the art

and may be used.

A variety of protocols for measuring HUTRAN, including ELISAs, RIAs, and FACS, are known in the art and provide a basis for diagnosing altered or abnormal levels of HUTRAN expression. Normal or standard values for HUTRAN expression are  
5 established by combining body fluids or cell extracts taken from normal mammalian subjects, preferably human, with antibody to HUTRAN under conditions suitable for complex formation. The amount of standard complex formation may be quantitated by various methods, preferably by photometric means. Quantities of HUTRAN expressed in subject, control, and disease samples from biopsied tissues are compared with the standard  
10 values. Deviation between standard and subject values establishes the parameters for diagnosing disease.

In another embodiment of the invention, the polynucleotides encoding HUTRAN may be used for diagnostic purposes. The polynucleotides which may be used include oligonucleotide sequences, complementary RNA and DNA molecules, and PNAs. The  
15 polynucleotides may be used to detect and quantitate gene expression in biopsied tissues in which expression of HUTRAN may be correlated with disease. The diagnostic assay may be used to determine absence, presence, and excess expression of HUTRAN, and to monitor regulation of HUTRAN levels during therapeutic intervention.

In one aspect, hybridization with PCR probes which are capable of detecting  
20 polynucleotide sequences, including genomic sequences, encoding HUTRAN or closely related molecules may be used to identify nucleic acid sequences which encode HUTRAN. The specificity of the probe, whether it is made from a highly specific region, e.g., the 5' regulatory region, or from a less specific region, e.g., a conserved motif, and the stringency of the hybridization or amplification (maximal, high, intermediate, or low), will determine  
25 whether the probe identifies only naturally occurring sequences encoding HUTRAN, allelic variants, or related sequences.

Probes may also be used for the detection of related sequences, and should preferably have at least 50% sequence identity to any of the HUTRAN encoding sequences. The hybridization probes of the subject invention may be DNA or RNA and  
30 may be derived from the sequence of the sequences of SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, or SEQ ID NO:6 or from genomic sequences including promoters, enhancers, and introns of the HUTRAN gene.

Means for producing specific hybridization probes for DNAs encoding HUTRAN include the cloning of polynucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN or HUTRAN derivatives into vectors for the production of mRNA probes. Such vectors are known in the art, are commercially available, and may be used to synthesize RNA probes in vitro by means of the addition of the appropriate RNA polymerases and the appropriate labeled nucleotides. Hybridization probes may be labeled by a variety of reporter groups, for example, by radionuclides such as  $^{32}\text{P}$  or  $^{35}\text{S}$ , or by enzymatic labels, such as alkaline phosphatase coupled to the probe via avidin/biotin coupling systems, and the like.

Polynucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN may be used for the diagnosis of a disorder associated with expression of HUTRAN. Examples of such a disorder include, but are not limited to, autoimmune/inflammatory disorders such as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), Addison's disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, allergies, ankylosing spondylitis, amyloidosis, anemia, asthma, atherosclerosis, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune thyroiditis, bronchitis, cholecystitis, contact dermatitis, Crohn's disease, atopic dermatitis, dermatomyositis, diabetes mellitus, emphysema, episodic lymphopenia with lymphocytotoxins, erythroblastosis fetalis, erythema nodosum, atrophic gastritis, glomerulonephritis, Goodpasture's syndrome, gout, Graves' disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, hypereosinophilia, irritable bowel syndrome, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, myocardial or pericardial inflammation, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, pancreatitis, polymyositis, psoriasis, Reiter's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic anaphylaxis, systemic lupus erythematosus, systemic sclerosis, thrombocytopenic purpura, ulcerative colitis, uveitis, Werner syndrome, complications of cancer, hemodialysis, and extracorporeal circulation, viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic, protozoal, and helminthic infections, and trauma; neurological disorders such as epilepsy, ischemic cerebrovascular disease, stroke, cerebral neoplasms, Alzheimer's disease, Pick's disease, Huntington's disease, dementia, Parkinson's disease and other extrapyramidal disorders, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and other motor neuron disorders, progressive neural muscular atrophy, retinitis pigmentosa, hereditary ataxias, multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases, bacterial and viral meningitis, brain abscess, subdural empyema, epidural abscess, suppurative intracranial thrombophlebitis, myelitis and radiculitis, viral central nervous system disease; prion diseases including kuru, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, and Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker



- syndrome; fatal familial insomnia, nutritional and metabolic diseases of the nervous system, neurofibromatosis, tuberous sclerosis, cerebelloretinal hemangioblastomatosis, encephalotrigeminal syndrome, mental retardation and other developmental disorders of the central nervous system, cerebral palsy, neuroskeletal disorders, autonomic nervous system disorders, cranial nerve disorders, spinal cord diseases, muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders, peripheral nervous system disorders, dermatomyositis and polymyositis; inherited, metabolic, endocrine, and toxic myopathies; myasthenia gravis, periodic paralysis; mental disorders including mood, anxiety, and schizophrenic disorders; akathisia, amnesia, catatonia, diabetic neuropathy, tardive dyskinesia, dystonias, paranoid psychoses, postherpetic neuralgia, and Tourette's disorder; reproductive disorders such as disorders of prolactin production; infertility, including tubal disease, ovulatory defects, and endometriosis; disruptions of the estrous cycle, disruptions of the menstrual cycle, polycystic ovary syndrome, ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, endometrial and ovarian tumors, uterine fibroids, autoimmune disorders, ectopic pregnancies, and teratogenesis; cancer of the breast, fibrocystic breast disease, and galactorrhea; disruptions of spermatogenesis, abnormal sperm physiology, cancer of the testis, cancer of the prostate, benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis, Peyronie's disease, carcinoma of the male breast, and gynecomastia; gastrointestinal disorders such as; dysphagia, peptic esophagitis, esophageal spasm, esophageal stricture, esophageal carcinoma, dyspepsia, indigestion, gastritis, gastric carcinoma, anorexia, nausea, emesis, gastroparesis, antral or pyloric edema, abdominal angina, pyrosis, gastroenteritis, intestinal obstruction, infections of the intestinal tract, peptic ulcer, cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, cholestasis, pancreatitis, pancreatic carcinoma, biliary tract disease, hepatitis, hyperbilirubinemia, cirrhosis, passive congestion of the liver, hepatoma, infectious colitis, ulcerative colitis, ulcerative proctitis, Crohn's disease, Whipple's disease, Mallory-Weiss syndrome, colonic carcinoma, colonic obstruction, irritable bowel syndrome, short bowel syndrome, diarrhea, constipation, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) enteropathy; and cancers such as adenocarcinoma, leukemia, lymphoma, melanoma, myeloma, sarcoma, teratocarcinoma, and, in particular, cancers of the adrenal gland, bladder, bone, bone marrow, brain, breast, cervix, gall bladder, ganglia, gastrointestinal tract, heart, kidney, liver, lung, muscle, ovary, pancreas, parathyroid, penis, prostate, salivary glands, skin, spleen, testis, thymus, thyroid, and uterus. The polynucleotide

sequences encoding HUTRAN may be used in Southern or Northern analysis, dot blot, or other membrane-based technologies; in PCR technologies; in dipstick, pin, and ELISA assays; and in microarrays utilizing fluids or tissues from patients to detect altered HUTRAN expression. Such qualitative or quantitative methods are well known in the art.

5 In a particular aspect, the nucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN may be useful in assays that detect the presence of associated disorders, particularly those mentioned above. The nucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN may be labeled by standard methods and added to a fluid or tissue sample from a patient under conditions suitable for the formation of hybridization complexes. After a suitable incubation period, the sample  
10 is washed and the signal is quantitated and compared with a standard value. If the amount of signal in the patient sample is significantly altered in comparison to a control sample then the presence of altered levels of nucleotide sequences encoding HUTRAN in the sample indicates the presence of the associated disorder. Such assays may also be used to evaluate the efficacy of a particular therapeutic treatment regimen in animal studies, in  
15 clinical trials, or to monitor the treatment of an individual patient.

In order to provide a basis for the diagnosis of a disorder associated with expression of HUTRAN, a normal or standard profile for expression is established. This may be accomplished by combining body fluids or cell extracts taken from normal subjects, either animal or human, with a sequence, or a fragment thereof, encoding  
20 HUTRAN, under conditions suitable for hybridization or amplification. Standard hybridization may be quantified by comparing the values obtained from normal subjects with values from an experiment in which a known amount of a substantially purified polynucleotide is used. Standard values obtained in this manner may be compared with values obtained from samples from patients who are symptomatic for a disorder.  
25 Deviation from standard values is used to establish the presence of a disorder.

Once the presence of a disorder is established and a treatment protocol is initiated, hybridization assays may be repeated on a regular basis to determine if the level of expression in the patient begins to approximate that which is observed in the normal subject. The results obtained from successive assays may be used to show the efficacy of  
30 treatment over a period ranging from several days to months.

With respect to cancer, the presence of a relatively high amount of transcript in biopsied tissue from an individual may indicate a predisposition for the development of the

disease, or may provide a means for detecting the disease prior to the appearance of actual clinical symptoms. A more definitive diagnosis of this type may allow health professionals to employ preventative measures or aggressive treatment earlier thereby preventing the development or further progression of the cancer.

5 Additional diagnostic uses for oligonucleotides designed from the sequences encoding HUTRAN may involve the use of PCR. These oligomers may be chemically synthesized, generated enzymatically, or produced in vitro. Oligomers will preferably contain a fragment of a polynucleotide encoding HUTRAN, or a fragment of a polynucleotide complementary to the polynucleotide encoding HUTRAN, and will be  
10 employed under optimized conditions for identification of a specific gene or condition. Oligomers may also be employed under less stringent conditions for detection or quantitation of closely related DNA or RNA sequences.

Methods which may also be used to quantitate the expression of HUTRAN include radiolabeling or biotinylating nucleotides, coamplification of a control nucleic acid, and  
15 interpolating results from standard curves. (See, e.g., Melby, P.C. et al. (1993) J. Immunol. Methods 159:235-244; and Duplaa, C. et al. (1993) Anal. Biochem. 229-236.) The speed of quantitation of multiple samples may be accelerated by running the assay in an ELISA format where the oligomer of interest is presented in various dilutions and a spectrophotometric or colorimetric response gives rapid quantitation.

20 In further embodiments, oligonucleotides or longer fragments derived from any of the polynucleotide sequences described herein may be used as targets in a microarray. The microarray can be used to monitor the expression level of large numbers of genes simultaneously and to identify genetic variants, mutations, and polymorphisms. This information may be used to determine gene function, to understand the genetic basis of a  
25 disorder, to diagnose a disorder, and to develop and monitor the activities of therapeutic agents.

Microarrays may be prepared, used, and analyzed using methods known in the art. (See, e.g., Brennan, T.M. et al. (1995) U.S. Patent No. 5,474,796; Schena, M. et al. (1996) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 93:10614-10619; Baldeschweiler et al. (1995) PCT application  
30 WO95/251116; Shalon, D. et al. (1995) PCT application WO95/35505; Heller, R.A. et al. (1997) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 94:2150-2155; and Heller, M.J. et al. (1997) U.S. Patent No. 5,605,662.)

In another embodiment of the invention, nucleic acid sequences encoding HUTRAN may be used to generate hybridization probes useful in mapping the naturally occurring genomic sequence. The sequences may be mapped to a particular chromosome, to a specific region of a chromosome, or to artificial chromosome constructions, e.g.,

5 human artificial chromosomes (HACs), yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs), bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs), bacterial P1 constructions, or single chromosome cDNA libraries. (See, e.g., Price, C.M. (1993) *Blood Rev.* 7:127-134; and Trask, B.J. (1991) *Trends Genet.* 7:149-154.)

Fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH) may be correlated with other physical

10 chromosome mapping techniques and genetic map data. (See, e.g., Heinz-Ulrich, et al. (1995) in Meyers, R.A. (ed.) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, VCH Publishers New York, NY, pp. 965-968.) Examples of genetic map data can be found in various scientific journals or at the Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM) site. Correlation between the location of the gene encoding HUTRAN on a physical chromosomal map and a

15 specific disorder, or a predisposition to a specific disorder, may help define the region of DNA associated with that disorder. The nucleotide sequences of the invention may be used to detect differences in gene sequences among normal, carrier, and affected individuals.

In situ hybridization of chromosomal preparations and physical mapping

20 techniques, such as linkage analysis using established chromosomal markers, may be used for extending genetic maps. Often the placement of a gene on the chromosome of another mammalian species, such as mouse, may reveal associated markers even if the number or arm of a particular human chromosome is not known. New sequences can be assigned to chromosomal arms by physical mapping. This provides valuable information to

25 investigators searching for disease genes using positional cloning or other gene discovery techniques. Once the disease or syndrome has been crudely localized by genetic linkage to a particular genomic region, e.g., ataxia-telangiectasia to 11q22-23, any sequences mapping to that area may represent associated or regulatory genes for further investigation. (See, e.g., Gatti, R.A. et al. (1988) *Nature* 336:577-580.) The nucleotide sequence of the

30 subject invention may also be used to detect differences in the chromosomal location due to translocation, inversion, etc., among normal, carrier, or affected individuals.

In another embodiment of the invention, HUTRAN, its catalytic or immunogenic

fragments, or oligopeptides thereof can be used for screening libraries of compounds in any of a variety of drug screening techniques. The fragment employed in such screening may be free in solution, affixed to a solid support, borne on a cell surface, or located intracellularly. The formation of binding complexes between HUTRAN and the agent  
5 being tested may be measured.

Another technique for drug screening provides for high throughput screening of compounds having suitable binding affinity to the protein of interest. (See, e.g., Geysen, et al. (1984) PCT application WO84/03564.) In this method, large numbers of different small test compounds are synthesized on a solid substrate, such as plastic pins or some  
10 other surface. The test compounds are reacted with HUTRAN, or fragments thereof, and washed. Bound HUTRAN is then detected by methods well known in the art. Purified HUTRAN can also be coated directly onto plates for use in the aforementioned drug screening techniques. Alternatively, non-neutralizing antibodies can be used to capture the peptide and immobilize it on a solid support.

15 In another embodiment, one may use competitive drug screening assays in which neutralizing antibodies capable of binding HUTRAN specifically compete with a test compound for binding HUTRAN. In this manner, antibodies can be used to detect the presence of any peptide which shares one or more antigenic determinants with HUTRAN.

In additional embodiments, the nucleotide sequences which encode HUTRAN may  
20 be used in any molecular biology techniques that have yet to be developed, provided the new techniques rely on properties of nucleotide sequences that are currently known, including, but not limited to, such properties as the triplet genetic code and specific base pair interactions.

The examples below are provided to illustrate the subject invention and are not  
25 included for the purpose of limiting the invention.

## EXAMPLES

### I. Construction of cDNA Libraries

RNA was isolated from tissues described in Table 4. Some tissues were homogenized and  
30 lysed in guanidinium isothiocyanate, while others were homogenized and lysed in phenol or in a suitable mixture of denaturants, such as TRIZOL™ (Life Technologies, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD), a monophasic solution of phenol and guanidine isothiocyanate. The resulting lysates were

centrifuged over CsCl cushions or extracted with chloroform. RNA was precipitated from the lysates with either isopropanol or sodium acetate and ethanol, or by other routine methods.

Phenol extraction and precipitation of RNA were repeated as necessary to increase RNA purity. In some cases, RNA was treated with DNase. For most libraries, poly(A<sup>+</sup>) RNA was isolated using oligo d(T)-coupled paramagnetic particles (Promega Corp., Madison, WI), OLIGOTEX<sup>™</sup> latex particles (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, CA), or an OLIGOTEX<sup>™</sup> mRNA purification kit (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, CA). Alternatively, RNA was isolated directly from tissue lysates using other RNA isolation kits, e.g., the POLY(A)PURE<sup>™</sup> mRNA purification kit (Ambion, Austin, TX).

cDNA was synthesized and cDNA libraries were constructed with the SUPERScript<sup>™</sup> plasmid system (Life Technologies, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD), using the recommended procedures or similar methods known in the art. (See, e.g., Ausubel, *supra*, 1997, units 5.1-6.6) Reverse transcription was initiated using oligo d(T) or random primers. Synthetic oligonucleotide adapters were ligated to double stranded cDNA, and the cDNA was digested with the appropriate restriction enzyme or enzymes. For most libraries, the cDNA was size-selected (300-1000 bp) using SEPHACRYL<sup>®</sup> S1000, SEPHAROSE<sup>®</sup> CL2B, or SEPHAROSE<sup>®</sup> CL4B column chromatography (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Piscataway, NJ) or preparative agarose gel electrophoresis. cDNAs were ligated into compatible restriction enzyme sites of the polylinker of pINCy (Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Palo Alto, CA). Recombinant plasmids were transformed into competent *E. coli* cells, e.g., the XL1-Blue, XL1-BlueMRF, or SOLR<sup>™</sup> strains (Stratagene, Inc., La Jolla, CA), or DH5 $\alpha$ <sup>™</sup>, DH10B, or ElectroMAX DH10B (Life Technologies, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD).

## II. Isolation of cDNA Clones

Plasmids were recovered from host cells by cell lysis. Plasmids were purified using at least one of the following: a Magic or WIZARD<sup>®</sup> Minipreps DNA purification system (Promega Corp., Madison, WI); an AGTC<sup>®</sup> Miniprep purification kit (Edge Biosystems, Gaithersburg, MD); the QIAWELL<sup>®</sup> 8 Plasmid, QIAWELL<sup>®</sup> 8 Plus Plasmid, or the QIAWELL<sup>®</sup> 8 Ultra Plasmid purification systems (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, CA); or the R.E.A.L.<sup>™</sup> Prep 96 plasmid kit (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, CA). Following precipitation, plasmids were resuspended in 0.1 ml of distilled water and stored, with or without lyophilization, at 4°C.

Alternatively, plasmid DNA was amplified from host cell lysates using direct link PCR in a high-throughput format. (Rao, V.B. (1994) Anal. Biochem. 216:1-14.) Host cell lysis and thermal cycling steps were carried out in a single reaction mixture. Samples were processed and stored in 384-well plates, and the concentration of amplified plasmid DNA was quantified fluorometrically using PICOGREEN<sup>®</sup> dye (Molecular Probes, Inc., Eugene, OR) and a Fluoroskan

II fluorescence scanner (Labsystems Oy, Helsinki, Finland).

### III. Sequencing and Analysis

The cDNAs were prepared for sequencing using either an ABI CATALYST 800 (Perkin Elmer) or a Hamilton Micro Lab 2200 (Hamilton, Reno, NV) in combination with Peltier Thermal Cyclers (PTC200; MJ Research, Watertown MA). The cDNAs were sequenced on the ABI 373 or 377 DNA Sequencing systems (Perkin Elmer) by the method of Sanger F. and A.R. Coulson (1975; J. Mol. Biol. 94:441-448) using standard ABI protocols, base calling software, and kits. Alternatively, cDNAs were sequenced using solutions and dyes from Amersham Pharmacia Biotech. Reading frame was determined using standard methods (Ausubel, supra).

The cDNA sequences presented in Table 1 and the full length nucleotide and amino acid sequences disclosed in the Sequence Listing were queried against databases such as GenBank primate (pri), rodent (rod), mammalian (mamp), vertebrate (vrtp), and eukaryote (eukp) databases, SwissProt, BLOCKS, and other databases which contain previously identified and annotated motifs and sequences. Algorithms such as Smith Waterman which deal with primary sequence patterns and secondary structure gap penalties (Smith, T. et al. (1992) Protein Engineering 5:35-51) and programs and algorithms such as BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool; Altschul, S.F. (1993) J. Mol. Evol 36:290-300; and Altschul et al. (1990) J. Mol. Biol. 215:403-410), and HMM (Hidden Markov Models; Eddy, S.R. (1996) Cur. Opin. Str. Biol. 6:361-365 and Sonnhammer, E.L.L. et al. (1997) Proteins 28:405-420) were used to assemble and analyze nucleotide and amino acid sequences. The databases, programs, algorithms, methods and tools are available, well known in the art, and described in Ausubel (supra, unit 7.7), in Meyers, R.A. (1995; Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Wiley VCH, Inc, New York NY, p 856-853), in documentation provided with software (Genetics Computer Group (GCG), Madison WI), and on the world wide web (www). Two comprehensive websites which list, describe, and/or link many of the databases and tools are: 1) the www resource in practical sequence analysis (<http://genome.wustl.edu/>), and 2) the bibliography of computational gene recognition (<http://linkage.rockefeller.edu/wli/gene/programs.html>). For example, the first website links PFAM as a database (<http://genome.wustl.edu/Pfam/>) and as an HMM search tool ([http://genome.wustl.edu/eddy/cgi-bin/hmm\\_page.cgi](http://genome.wustl.edu/eddy/cgi-bin/hmm_page.cgi)).

Table 5 summarizes the databases and tools used herein.

#### IV. Northern Analysis

Northern analysis is a laboratory technique used to detect the presence of a transcript of a gene and involves the hybridization of a labeled nucleotide sequence to a membrane on which RNAs from a particular cell type or tissue have been bound. (See, e.g., Sambrook, supra, ch. 7; and Ausubel, supra, ch. 4 and 16.)

Analogous computer techniques applying BLAST are used to search for identical or related molecules in nucleotide databases such as GenBank or LIFESEQ™ database (Incyte Pharmaceuticals). This analysis is much faster than multiple membrane-based hybridizations. In addition, the sensitivity of the computer search can be modified to determine whether any particular match is categorized as exact or similar.

The basis of the search is the product score, which is defined as:

$$\frac{\% \text{ sequence identity} \times \% \text{ maximum BLAST score}}{100}$$

The product score takes into account both the degree of similarity between two sequences and the length of the sequence match. For example, with a product score of 40, the match will be exact within a 1% to 2% error, and, with a product score of 70, the match will be exact. Similar molecules are usually identified by selecting those which show product scores between 15 and 40, although lower scores may identify related molecules.

The results of Northern analysis are reported as a list of libraries in which the transcript encoding HUTRAN occurs. Abundance and percent abundance are also reported. Abundance directly reflects the number of times a particular transcript is represented in a cDNA library, and percent abundance is abundance divided by the total number of sequences examined in the cDNA library.

#### V. Extension of HUTRAN Encoding Polynucleotides

The nucleic acid sequences of Incyte Clones 1815528, 2150892, and 2525071 were used to design oligonucleotide primers for extending partial nucleotide sequences to full length. For each nucleic acid sequence, one primer was synthesized to initiate extension of an antisense polynucleotide, and the other was synthesized to initiate extension of a sense polynucleotide. Primers were used to facilitate the extension of the known sequence "outward" generating amplicons containing new unknown nucleotide sequence for the region of interest. The initial primers were designed from the cDNA using OLIGO™ 4.06 (National Biosciences, Plymouth, MN), or another appropriate program, to be about 22 to 30 nucleotides in length, to have a GC content of about 50% or more, and to anneal to the target sequence at temperatures of about 68°C to about 72°C. Any stretch of nucleotides which would result in hairpin structures and primer-



primer dimerizations was avoided.

Selected human cDNA libraries (Life Technologies, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD) were used to extend the sequence. If more than one extension is necessary or desired, additional sets of primers are designed to further extend the known region.

5 High fidelity amplification was obtained by following the instructions for the XL-PCR™ kit (Perkin Elmer) and thoroughly mixing the enzyme and reaction mix. PCR was performed using the Peltier Thermal Cycler (PTC200; M.J. Research, Watertown, MA), beginning with 40 pmol of each primer and the recommended concentrations of all other components of the kit, with the following parameters:

10	Step 1	94° C for 1 min (initial denaturation)
	Step 2	65° C for 1 min
	Step 3	68° C for 6 min
	Step 4	94° C for 15 sec
	Step 5	65° C for 1 min
15	Step 6	68° C for 7 min
	Step 7	Repeat steps 4 through 6 for an additional 15 cycles
	Step 8	94° C for 15 sec
	Step 9	65° C for 1 min
	Step 10	68° C for 7:15 min
20	Step 11	Repeat steps 8 through 10 for an additional 12 cycles
	Step 12	72° C for 8 min
	Step 13	4° C (and holding)

A 5  $\mu$ l to 10  $\mu$ l aliquot of the reaction mixture was analyzed by electrophoresis on a low  
25 concentration (about 0.6% to 0.8%) agarose mini-gel to determine which reactions were successful in extending the sequence. Bands thought to contain the largest products were excised from the gel, purified using QIAQUICK™ (QIAGEN Inc.), and trimmed of overhangs using Klenow enzyme to facilitate religation and cloning.

After ethanol precipitation, the products were redissolved in 13  $\mu$ l of ligation buffer, 1  $\mu$ l  
30 T4-DNA ligase (15 units) and 1  $\mu$ l T4 polynucleotide kinase were added, and the mixture was incubated at room temperature for 2 to 3 hours, or overnight at 16° C. Competent *E. coli* cells (in 40  $\mu$ l of appropriate media) were transformed with 3  $\mu$ l of ligation mixture and cultured in 80  $\mu$ l of SOC medium. (See, e.g., Sambrook, *supra*, Appendix A, p. 2.) After incubation for one hour at 37°C, the *E. coli* mixture was plated on Luria Bertani (LB) agar (See, e.g., Sambrook, *supra*,  
35 Appendix A, p. 1) containing carbenicillin (2x carb). The following day, several colonies were randomly picked from each plate and cultured in 150  $\mu$ l of liquid LB/2x carb medium placed in an individual well of an appropriate commercially-available sterile 96-well microtiter plate. The following day, 5  $\mu$ l of each overnight culture was transferred into a non-sterile 96-well plate and, after dilution 1:10 with water, 5  $\mu$ l from each sample was transferred into a PCR array.

For PCR amplification, 18  $\mu$ l of concentrated PCR reaction mix (3.3x) containing 4 units of rTth DNA polymerase, a vector primer, and one or both of the gene specific primers used for the extension reaction were added to each well. Amplification was performed using the following conditions:

5	Step 1	94° C for 60 sec
	Step 2	94° C for 20 sec
	Step 3	55° C for 30 sec
	Step 4	72° C for 90 sec
	Step 5	Repeat steps 2 through 4 for an additional 29 cycles
10	Step 6	72° C for 180 sec
	Step 7	4° C (and holding)

Aliquots of the PCR reactions were run on agarose gels together with molecular weight markers. The sizes of the PCR products were compared to the original partial cDNAs, and appropriate clones were selected, ligated into plasmid, and sequenced.

In like manner, the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO:4-6 are used to obtain 5' regulatory sequences using the procedure above, oligonucleotides designed for 5' extension, and an appropriate genomic library.

## 20 VI. Labeling and Use of Individual Hybridization Probes

Hybridization probes derived from SEQ ID NO:4-6 are employed to screen cDNAs, genomic DNAs, or mRNAs. Although the labeling of oligonucleotides, consisting of about 20 base pairs, is specifically described, essentially the same procedure is used with larger nucleotide fragments. Oligonucleotides are designed using state-of-the-art software such as OLIGO™ 4.06 software (National Biosciences) and labeled by combining 50 pmol of each oligomer, 250  $\mu$ Ci of [7-<sup>32</sup>P] adenosine triphosphate (Amersham, Chicago, IL), and T4 polynucleotide kinase (DuPont NEN®, Boston, MA). The labeled oligonucleotides are substantially purified using a Sephadex™ G-25 superfine size exclusion dextran bead column (Pharmacia & Upjohn, Kalamazoo, MI). An aliquot containing 10<sup>7</sup> counts per minute of the labeled probe is used in a typical membrane-based hybridization analysis of human genomic DNA digested with one of the following endonucleases: Ase I, Bgl II, Eco RI, Pst I, Xba I, or Pvu II (DuPont NEN, Boston, MA).

The DNA from each digest is fractionated on a 0.7% agarose gel and transferred to nylon membranes (Nytran Plus, Schleicher & Schuell, Durham, NH). Hybridization is carried out for 16 hours at 40°C. To remove nonspecific signals, blots are sequentially washed at room temperature under increasingly stringent conditions up to 0.1 x saline sodium citrate and 0.5% sodium dodecyl sulfate. After XOMAT ART™ film (Kodak, Rochester, NY) is exposed to the blots to film for several hours, hybridization patterns are compared visually.

## VII. Microarrays

A chemical coupling procedure and an ink jet device can be used to synthesize array elements on the surface of a substrate. (See, e.g., Baldeschweiler, supra.) An array analogous to a dot or slot blot may also be used to arrange and link elements to the surface of a substrate using thermal, UV, chemical, or mechanical bonding procedures. A typical array may be produced by hand or using available methods and machines and contain any appropriate number of elements. After hybridization, nonhybridized probes are removed and a scanner used to determine the levels and patterns of fluorescence. The degree of complementarity and the relative abundance of each probe which hybridizes to an element on the microarray may be assessed through analysis of the scanned images.

Full-length cDNAs, Expressed Sequence Tags (ESTs), or fragments thereof may comprise the elements of the microarray. Fragments suitable for hybridization can be selected using software well known in the art such as LASERGENE™. Full-length cDNAs, ESTs, or fragments thereof corresponding to one of the nucleotide sequences of the present invention, or selected at random from a cDNA library relevant to the present invention, are arranged on an appropriate substrate, e.g., a glass slide. The cDNA is fixed to the slide using, e.g., UV cross-linking followed by thermal and chemical treatments and subsequent drying. (See, e.g., Schena, M. et al. (1995) *Science* 270:467-470; and Shalon, D. et al. (1996) *Genome Res.* 6:639-645.) Fluorescent probes are prepared and used for hybridization to the elements on the substrate. The substrate is analyzed by procedures described above.

## VIII. Complementary Polynucleotides

Sequences complementary to the HUTRAN-encoding sequences, or any parts thereof, are used to detect, decrease, or inhibit expression of naturally occurring HUTRAN. Although use of oligonucleotides comprising from about 15 to 30 base pairs is described, essentially the same procedure is used with smaller or with larger sequence fragments. Appropriate oligonucleotides are designed using OLIGO™ 4.06 software and the coding sequence of HUTRAN. To inhibit transcription, a complementary oligonucleotide is designed from the most unique 5' sequence and used to prevent promoter binding to the coding sequence. To inhibit translation, a complementary oligonucleotide is designed to prevent ribosomal binding to the HUTRAN-encoding transcript.

## IX. Expression of HUTRAN

Expression and purification of HUTRAN is achieved using bacterial or virus-based

expression systems. For expression of HUTRAN in bacteria, cDNA is subcloned into an appropriate vector containing an antibiotic resistance gene and an inducible promoter that directs high levels of cDNA transcription. Examples of such promoters include, but are not limited to, the *trp-lac (tac)* hybrid promoter and the T5 or T7 bacteriophage promoter in conjunction with the *lac* operator regulatory element. Recombinant vectors are transformed into suitable bacterial hosts, e.g., BL21(DE3). Antibiotic resistant bacteria express HUTRAN upon induction with isopropyl beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG). Expression of HUTRAN in eukaryotic cells is achieved by infecting insect or mammalian cell lines with recombinant Autographica californica nuclear polyhedrosis virus (AcMNPV), commonly known as baculovirus. The nonessential polyhedrin gene of baculovirus is replaced with cDNA encoding HUTRAN by either homologous recombination or bacterial-mediated transposition involving transfer plasmid intermediates. Viral infectivity is maintained and the strong polyhedrin promoter drives high levels of cDNA transcription. Recombinant baculovirus is used to infect Spodoptera frugiperda (Sf9) insect cells in most cases, or human hepatocytes, in some cases. Infection of the latter requires additional genetic modifications to baculovirus. (See Engelhard, E. K. et al. (1994) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 91:3224-3227; Sandig, V. et al. (1996) Hum. Gene Ther. 7:1937-1945.)

In most expression systems, HUTRAN is synthesized as a fusion protein with, e.g., glutathione S-transferase (GST) or a peptide epitope tag, such as FLAG or 6-His, permitting rapid, single-step, affinity-based purification of recombinant fusion protein from crude cell lysates. GST, a 26-kilodalton enzyme from Schistosoma japonicum, enables the purification of fusion proteins on immobilized glutathione under conditions that maintain protein activity and antigenicity (Pharmacia, Piscataway, NJ). Following purification, the GST moiety can be proteolytically cleaved from HUTRAN at specifically engineered sites. FLAG, an 8-amino acid peptide, enables immunoaffinity purification using commercially available monoclonal and polyclonal anti-FLAG antibodies (Eastman Kodak, Rochester, NY). 6-His, a stretch of six consecutive histidine residues, enables purification on metal-chelate resins (QIAGEN Inc, Chatsworth, CA). Methods for protein expression and purification are discussed in Ausubel, F. M. et al. (1995 and periodic supplements) Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY, ch 10, 16. Purified HUTRAN obtained by these methods can be used directly in the following activity assay.

## X. Demonstration of HUTRAN Activity

### HUTRAN-1

HUTRAN-1 activity may be demonstrated by the ability to convert L-phenylalanine and  $\alpha$ -keto- $\gamma$ -methiolbutyrate to phenylpyruvate and L-methionine. (Cooper, A.J.L. and Meister, A. (1985) Meth. Enzymol. 113:344-349.) The amount of phenylpyruvate formed is measured. The

reaction mixture contains 200 mM ammonium-HCl buffer (pH 9.0), 10 mM L-phenylalanine, 5 mM  $\alpha$ -keto- $\gamma$ -methiolbutyrate, and HUTRAN-1 in a final volume of 0.1 ml. After incubating at 37°C for 10 minutes, 0.9 ml of 3.33 M NaOH is added. The absorbance at 322 nm, measured using a spectrophotometer, is proportional to the phenylpyruvate formed, and thus to the HUTRAN-1 in the starting sample. The absorbance due to phenylpyruvate is stable for at least 15 minutes.

### HUTRAN-2

HUTRAN-2 activity may be demonstrated by the ability to convert L-glutamate and  $\alpha$ -ketoadipate to  $\alpha$ -aminoadipate and  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate. (Nakatani, supra.) The amount of  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate formed is measured. The standard assay contains, in a volume of 0.3 ml, 50  $\mu$ moles potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.5), 20  $\mu$ g pyridoxal phosphate, 0.5  $\mu$ moles  $\alpha$ -ketoadipate, and HUTRAN-2. After a 5 minute incubation at 37°C, the reaction is started by addition of 0.2 ml of 0.1 M potassium L-glutamate and allowed to proceed for 10 minutes at 37°C. The reaction (Reaction 1) is terminated by adding 0.1 ml of 1 M HCl. After neutralization of the mixture with 0.1 ml of 1 M KOH, a 0.3 ml aliquot is taken for the determination of the presence of  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate.  $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate is estimated by the amount of NADH oxidized in the presence of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and glutamate dehydrogenase. The estimation of  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate is performed in a system consisting of 300  $\mu$ moles potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.5), 150  $\mu$ moles  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , 0.3  $\mu$ mole NADH, and the neutralized reaction mixture in a total volume of 3.0 ml. The decrease in absorbance at 340 nm after the addition of glutamate dehydrogenase, measured using a spectrophotometer, is proportional to the  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate formed in Reaction 1, and thus to the HUTRAN-2 in the starting sample.

### HUTRAN-3

HUTRAN-3 activity may be demonstrated by the ability to methylate hnRNP A1 protein in vitro. (Lin, supra.) The reaction contains 490 ng bacterially expressed recombinant human hnRNP A1, 0.93  $\mu$ M [ $^3\text{H}$ ]S-adenosyl-L-methionine (2.2  $\mu$ Ci), 2.0  $\mu$ g HUTRAN-3, and buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 1 mM EGTA at pH 7.5) in a final volume of 30  $\mu$ l. The reaction mixtures are incubated at 30°C for 30 minutes and then subjected to SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. The gel is stained with Coomassie Blue, dried and subjected to fluorography. The position of hnRNP A1 is determined by Coomassie Blue staining. The amount of [ $^3\text{H}$ ]methylated hnRNP A1, as determined by densitometry or PhosphorImager analysis (Molecular Dynamics, Sunnyvale, CA), is proportional to the amount of HUTRAN-3 in the starting sample.

## XI. Functional Assays

HUTRAN function is assessed by expressing the sequences encoding HUTRAN at physiologically elevated levels in mammalian cell culture systems. cDNA is subcloned into a mammalian expression vector containing a strong promoter that drives high levels of cDNA expression. Vectors of choice include pCMV SPORT™ (Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD) and pCR™ 3.1 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, both of which contain the cytomegalovirus promoter. 5-10 µg of recombinant vector are transiently transfected into a human cell line, preferably of endothelial or hematopoietic origin, using either liposome formulations or electroporation. 1-2 µg of an additional plasmid containing sequences encoding a marker protein are co-transfected.

Expression of a marker protein provides a means to distinguish transfected cells from nontransfected cells and is a reliable predictor of cDNA expression from the recombinant vector. Marker proteins of choice include, e.g., Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA), CD64, or a CD64-GFP fusion protein. Flow cytometry (FCM), an automated, laser optics-based technique, is used to identify transfected cells expressing GFP or CD64-GFP, and to evaluate properties, for example, their apoptotic state. FCM detects and quantifies the uptake of fluorescent molecules that diagnose events preceding or coincident with cell death. These events include changes in nuclear DNA content as measured by staining of DNA with propidium iodide; changes in cell size and granularity as measured by forward light scatter and 90 degree side light scatter; down-regulation of DNA synthesis as measured by decrease in bromodeoxyuridine uptake; alterations in expression of cell surface and intracellular proteins as measured by reactivity with specific antibodies; and alterations in plasma membrane composition as measured by the binding of fluorescein-conjugated Annexin V protein to the cell surface. Methods in flow cytometry are discussed in Ormerod, M. G. (1994) Flow Cytometry, Oxford, New York, NY.

The influence of HUTRAN on gene expression can be assessed using highly purified populations of cells transfected with sequences encoding HUTRAN and either CD64 or CD64-GFP. CD64 and CD64-GFP are expressed on the surface of transfected cells and bind to conserved regions of human immunoglobulin G (IgG). Transfected cells are efficiently separated from nontransfected cells using magnetic beads coated with either human IgG or antibody against CD64 (DYNAL, Lake Success, NY). mRNA can be purified from the cells using methods well known by those of skill in the art. Expression of mRNA encoding HUTRAN and other genes of interest can be analyzed by Northern analysis or microarray techniques.

## **XII. Production of HUTRAN Specific Antibodies**

HUTRAN substantially purified using polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE)(see, e.g., Harrington, M.G. (1990) Methods Enzymol. 182:488-495), or other purification techniques, is used to immunize rabbits and to produce antibodies using standard protocols.

5 Alternatively, the HUTRAN amino acid sequence is analyzed using LASERGENE™ software (DNASTAR Inc.) to determine regions of high immunogenicity, and a corresponding oligopeptide is synthesized and used to raise antibodies by means known to those of skill in the art. Methods for selection of appropriate epitopes, such as those near the C-terminus or in hydrophilic regions are well described in the art. (See, e.g., Ausubel supra, ch. 11.)

10 Typically, oligopeptides 15 residues in length are synthesized using an Applied Biosystems Peptide Synthesizer Model 431A using fmoc-chemistry and coupled to KLH (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) by reaction with N-maleimidobenzoyl-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (MBS) to increase immunogenicity. (See, e.g., Ausubel supra.) Rabbits are immunized with the oligopeptide-KLH complex in complete Freund's adjuvant. Resulting antisera are tested for  
15 antipeptide activity by, for example, binding the peptide to plastic, blocking with 1% BSA, reacting with rabbit antisera, washing, and reacting with radio-iodinated goat anti-rabbit IgG.

## **XIII. Purification of Naturally Occurring HUTRAN Using Specific Antibodies**

Naturally occurring or recombinant HUTRAN is substantially purified by immunoaffinity  
20 chromatography using antibodies specific for HUTRAN. An immunoaffinity column is constructed by covalently coupling anti-HUTRAN antibody to an activated chromatographic resin, such as CNBr-activated Sepharose (Pharmacia & Upjohn). After the coupling, the resin is blocked and washed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Media containing HUTRAN are passed over the immunoaffinity column, and the column  
25 is washed under conditions that allow the preferential absorbance of HUTRAN (e.g., high ionic strength buffers in the presence of detergent). The column is eluted under conditions that disrupt antibody/HUTRAN binding (e.g., a buffer of pH 2 to pH 3, or a high concentration of a chaotrope, such as urea or thiocyanate ion), and HUTRAN is collected.

## **XIV. Identification of Molecules Which Interact with HUTRAN**

HUTRAN, or biologically active fragments thereof, are labeled with <sup>125</sup>I Bolton-Hunter reagent. (See, e.g., Bolton et al. (1973) Biochem. J. 133:529.) Candidate molecules previously arrayed in the wells of a multi-well plate are incubated with the labeled HUTRAN, washed, and any wells with labeled HUTRAN complex are assayed. Data obtained using different  
35 concentrations of HUTRAN are used to calculate values for the number, affinity, and association

of HUTRAN with the candidate molecules.

Various modifications and variations of the described methods and systems of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention. Although the invention has been described in connection with specific preferred  
5 embodiments, it should be understood that the invention as claimed should not be unduly limited to such specific embodiments. Indeed, various modifications of the described modes for carrying out the invention which are obvious to those skilled in molecular biology or related fields are intended to be within the scope of the following claims.



Table 1

Protein SEQ ID NO:	Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Clone ID	Library	Fragments
1	4	1815528	PROSNOT20	1815528H1 (PROSNOT20), 2880980F6 (UTRSTUT05), 1815528X12C1 (PROSNOT20), 1815528X17C1 (PROSNOT20), 1819092T6 (PROSNOT20), 269916F1 (HNT2NOT01), 1717401F6 (UCMCNOT02) (SEQ ID NO:7-13)
2	5	2150892	BRAINOT09	2150892H1 (BRAINOT09), SAGA00872F1, SAGA01877F1, SAGA01269R1, SAGA02228F1, SAGA01614F1, 301251T6 (TESTNOT04) (SEQ ID NO:14-20)
3	6	2525071	BRAITUT21	2525071H1 (BRAITUT21), 1889292H1 (BLADTUT07), 2525071F6 (BRAITUT21), SAEA10009P1, SAEA03283F1, SAEA01931R1, 1253024T6 (LUNGFET03), 1664573F6 (BRSTNOT09), 1474156T1 (LUNGUTUT03) (SEQ ID NO:21-29)

Table 2

Seq ID NO:	Amino Acid Residues	Potential Phosphorylation Sites	Potential Glycosylation Sites	Signature Sequences	Identification	Analytical Methods
1	454	S189 S408 S124 S189 S378 S422 S437 S12 S23 S32 S36 Y338 Y395		S277AGKTF (pyridoxal phosphate binding site) M268 through V284 (transmembrane sequence)	glutamine- phenylpyruvate aminotransferase	BLAST BLOCKS PFAM MOTIFS TM
2	425	T21 S170 S11 T190 S210		S260FSK (pyridoxal phosphate binding site)	kynurenine/alpha- aminoadipate aminotransferase	BLAST MOTIFS
3	447	S286 S85 T127 S330 T355 T71 S191	N18 N69 N343 N384	methyltransferase motifs: V27LDVCGSG (region I) I49YAVE (post-region I) E88QVDIIIS (region II) Y117LKPSGNMFP(region III) L165RGAA (post-region III) M1 through A46 (signal sequence)	arginine methyltransferase	BLAST MOTIFS SPSCAN

Table 3

Seq ID NO:	Tissue Expression (Fraction of Total)	Diseases or Conditions (Fraction of Total)	Vector
1	Reproductive (0.302) Cardiovascular (0.163) Hematopoietic/Immune (0.116) Gastrointestinal (0.093) Nervous (0.070)	Cancer (0.465) Inflammation (0.256) Fetal (0.233) Trauma (0.093)	pINCY
2	Reproductive (0.429) Nervous (0.214) Developmental (0.143) Gastrointestinal (0.143)	Cancer (0.429) Fetal (0.214) Trauma (0.214) Inflammation (0.143)	pINCY
3	Gastrointestinal (0.259) Reproductive (0.241) Developmental (0.111) Nervous (0.111)	Cancer (0.537) Fetal (0.185) Inflammation (0.167) Trauma (0.093)	pINCY

Table 4

Protein SEQ ID NO:	Clone ID	Library	Library Comment
1	1815528	PROSNOT20	PROSNOT20 Library was constructed using RNA isolated from diseased prostate tissue removed from a 65-year-old Caucasian male during a radical prostatectomy. Pathology indicated adenofibromatous hyperplasia. Pathology for the associated tumor tissue indicated an adenocarcinoma.
2	2150892	BRAINOT09	BRAINOT09 Library was constructed using RNA isolated from brain tissue removed from a Caucasian male fetus who died at 23 weeks' gestation.
3	2525071	BRAITUT21	BRAITUT21 Library was constructed using RNA isolated from brain tumor tissue removed from the midline frontal lobe of a 61-year-old Caucasian female during excision of a cerebral meningeal lesion. Pathology indicated subfrontal meningotheelial meningioma with no atypia. One ethmoid and mucosal tissue sample indicated meningioma. Family history included cerebrovascular disease, senile dementia, hyperlipidemia, benign hypertension, atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, and breast cancer.

TABLE 5

ESTs	Program/algorithm	Databases	Description	Useful Parameters
	Smith Waterman	GenBank	Local alignment algorithm for homology searching	min length = 49 nt <12% uncalled bases
	FASTA	GenBank	Fast nucleotide sequence database searching program for UNIX, VMS	Log likelihood for exact matches is ~10 <sup>-33</sup> and for homologs >10*
	BLAST	GenBank	Ultra-fast database searching program for UNIX, VMS C source	
Full Length				
	Phred		Reads trace data from sequencing runs, makes base calls for assembly of cDNA sequences, produces quality scores	match > 56 score > 120
	Phrap		Quality-score based assembly program for shotgun sequences	
	CONSED		Graphical tool for editing Phrap contigs	
	GCG Assembly, Motifs, Profilescan, Spscan	GenBank PROSITE	Wisconsin Package Programs for the assembly, editing, and characterization of nucleotide sequences Examines proteins for secretory, signal sequences	>7 strong, 4.5-7 suggestive
	GENEMARK		Statistical analysis of nucleotide sequences to identify open reading frame	
	BLAST	GenBank SwissProt	Ultra-fast database searching program for UNIX, VMS C source	score > 100, P < 1e-5
	FASTX	GenBank SwissProt	Fast amino acid sequence database searching program for UNIX, VMS	log likelihood > 17
	BLIMPS	BLOCKS PRINTS	Weighted matrix analysis for prediction of protein family	
	PFAM	PROSITE	Analyses sequences 3-60 amino acids long which correspond to highly conserved regions of a protein family	>1300 strong, 1000 - 1300 suggestive, P < 1e-3
	HMM		Probabilistic approaches and modeling of the primary structure of protein families	Score > 11 strong, 8 - 10 suggestive
	McDNAsis Pro		Software for sequence analysis	Score > 11 strong, 8 - 10 suggestive
	LASERGENE		Software programs (EditSeq, MegAlign, PrimerSelect, ProScan, SeqMan, etc.) for sequence analysis	

What is claimed is:

1. A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-3 and fragments thereof.  
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2. A substantially purified variant having at least 90% amino acid identity to the amino acid sequence of claim 1.
3. An isolated and purified polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of claim 1.  
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4. An isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 70% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide of claim 3.
5. An isolated and purified polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent  
15 conditions to the polynucleotide of claim 3.
6. An isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide sequence of claim 3.
- 20 7. An isolated and purified polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4-6 and fragments thereof.
8. An isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 70% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide of claim 7.  
25
9. An isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide of claim 7.
10. An expression vector comprising at least a fragment of the polynucleotide of claim  
30 3.
11. A host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 10.
12. A method for producing a polypeptide, the method comprising the steps of:  
35 a) culturing the host cell of claim 11 under conditions suitable for the

expression of the polypeptide; and

b) recovering the polypeptide from the host cell culture.

13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 in  
5 conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

14. A purified antibody which specifically binds to the polypeptide of claim 1.

15. A purified agonist of the polypeptide of claim 1.

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16. A purified antagonist of the polypeptide of claim 1.

17. A method for treating or preventing an autoimmune/inflammatory disorder, the  
method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the  
15 antagonist of claim 16.

18. A method for treating or preventing a neurological disorder, the method  
comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the  
pharmaceutical composition of claim 13.

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19. A method for treating or preventing a reproductive disorder, the method  
comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the  
pharmaceutical composition of claim 13.

25 20. A method for treating or preventing a gastrointestinal disorder, the method  
comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the  
pharmaceutical composition of claim 13.

21. A method for treating or preventing a cancer, the method comprising  
30 administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the antagonist of claim  
16.

22. A method for detecting a polynucleotide in a sample, the method comprising the  
steps of:

35 (a) hybridizing the polynucleotide of claim 6 to at least one of the nucleic

acids in the biological sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and

(b) detecting the hybridization complex, wherein the presence of the hybridization complex correlates with the presence of the polynucleotide in the sample.

- 5        23.     The method of claim 22 further comprising amplifying the polynucleotide prior to the hybridizing step.



1	MFLAQRSLCSLSGR	AKFLKTISSSKILGFS	1815528
1	M-----	AKQL---	GI 758591
31	TS AKMSLKF	TNAKRIEGLDSNVWIEFTKLA	1815528
6	-----	QARRLDGIDYNPWVFFVKLA	GI 758591
61	ADPSVVNLGQGFP	DISPPTYVKEEELSKIAA	1815528
26	SEHDVVNLGQGFP	DFPDPFAVEAFQHAVS	GI 758591
91	ID-SLNQY	TRGFHPSLVKALSYLYEKLYQ	1815528
56	GDFMLNQY	TKTFGYPLTKILASFFGELLG	GI 758591
120	KQIDSNKEILV	TVGAYGSSLFNTIQALIDEG	1815528
86	QEIDPLRNV	LVTVGGYGALFTAFQALVDEG	GI 758591
150	DEVILIVP	FYDCYEPMVRRMAGATPVFIPLR	1815528
116	DEVIIIEP	FFDCYEPMTMMAGRPVFVSLK	GI 758591
180	SKPV-YGKR	WSSSDWTLDPPQELFSKFN SKT	1815528
146	PGPIQN	GELGSSSNWQLDPMELAGKFTSRT	GI 758591
209	KAIILNT	PHNPLGKVVYNREELQVIA D L C I K	1815528
176	KALV LNT	PNPLGKVF S R E E L E L V A S L C Q Q	GI 758591

FIGURE 1A

239 Y D T L C I S D E V Y E W L V Y S G N K H L K I A T F P G M 1815528  
206 H D V V C I T D E V Y Q W M V Y D G H Q H I S I A S L P G M GI 758591

269 W E R T I T I G S A G K T F S V T G W K L G W S I G P N H L 1815528  
236 W E R T L T I G S A G K T F S A T G W K V G W V L G P D H I GI 758591

299 I K H L Q T V Q Q N T I Y T C A T P L Q E A L A Q A F W I D 1815528  
266 M K H L R T V H Q N S V F H C P T Q S Q A A V A E S F E R E GI 758591

329 I K R M D D P E C Y F N S L P K E L E V K R D R M V R L L E 1815528  
296 Q L L F R Q P S S Y F V Q F P Q A M Q R C R D H M I R S L Q GI 758591

359 S V G L K P I V P D G G Y F I I A D V S L L D P D L S D M K 1815528  
326 S V G L K P I I P Q G S Y F L I T D I S D F K R K M P D L P GI 758591

389 N - - N E P Y D Y K F V K W M T K H K K L S A I P V S A F C 1815528  
356 G A V D E P Y D R R F V K W M I K N K G L V A I P V S I F Y GI 758591

417 N S E T K S Q F E K F V R R F C F I K K D S T L D A A E E I I 1815528  
386 S V P H Q K H F D H Y I R F C F V K D E A T L Q A M D E K L GI 758591

447 K A W S V Q K S 1815528  
416 R K W K V E L GI 758591

FIGURE 1B

1	M	N	Y	A	R	F	I	T	A	S	A	R	R	N	P	T	P	I	R	T	M	T	D	I	L	S	R	G	P	2150892	
1	M	N	Y	S	R	F	L	T	A	T	S	L	A	R	K	T	S	P	I	R	A	T	V	E	I	M	S	R	A	P	GI 1050752
31	K	S	M	I	S	L	A	G	G	L	P	N	P	N	M	F	P	F	K	T	A	V	I	T	V	E	N	G	K	T	2150892
31	K	D	I	I	S	L	A	P	G	S	P	N	P	K	V	F	P	F	K	S	A	V	F	T	V	E	N	G	S	T	GI 1050752
61	I	Q	F	G	E	E	M	M	K	R	A	L	Q	Y	S	P	S	A	G	I	P	E	L	L	S	W	L	K	Q	L	2150892
61	I	R	F	E	G	E	M	F	Q	R	A	L	Q	Y	S	S	S	Y	G	I	P	E	L	L	S	W	L	K	Q	L	GI 1050752
91	Q	I	K	L	H	N	P	P	T	I	H	Y	P	P	S	Q	G	Q	M	D	L	C	V	T	S	G	S	Q	Q	G	2150892
91	Q	I	K	L	H	N	P	P	T	V	N	Y	S	P	N	E	G	Q	M	D	L	C	I	T	S	G	C	Q	D	G	GI 1050752
121	L	C	K	V	F	E	M	I	I	N	P	G	D	N	V	L	L	D	E	P	A	Y	S	G	T	L	Q	S	L	H	2150892
121	L	C	K	V	F	E	M	L	I	N	P	G	D	T	V	L	V	N	E	P	L	Y	S	G	A	L	F	A	M	K	GI 1050752
151	P	L	G	C	N	I	I	N	V	A	S	D	E	S	G	I	V	P	D	S	L	R	D	I	L	S	R	W	K	P	2150892
151	P	L	G	C	N	F	I	S	V	P	S	D	D	C	G	I	I	P	E	G	L	K	K	V	L	S	Q	W	K	P	GI 1050752
181	E	D	A	K	N	P	Q	K	N	T	P	K	F	L	Y	T	V	P	N	G	N	N	P	T	G	N	S	L	T	S	2150892
181	E	D	S	K	D	P	T	K	R	T	P	K	F	L	Y	T	I	P	N	G	N	N	P	T	G	N	S	L	T	G	GI 1050752
211	E	R	K	K	E	I	Y	E	L	A	R	K	Y	D	F	L	I	I	E	D	D	P	Y	Y	F	L	Q	F	N	K	2150892
211	D	R	K	K	E	I	Y	E	L	A	R	K	Y	D	F	L	I	I	E	D	D	P	Y	Y	F	L	Q	F	T	K	GI 1050752

FIGURE 2A

241	FRVPTFLSMDVDGGRVIRADSF	SKIISSGLR	2150892
241	PWEPTFLSMDVDGGRVIRADSL	SKVISSGLR	GI 1050752
271	IGFLTGPKP	PLIERVILHIQVSTLHPSTFNQ	2150892
271	VGFITGPKSLIQRI	VLTQISLHPCTLSQ	GI 1050752
301	LMISQLLHEWGGE	GFMAHVDRVIDFYSNQK	2150892
301	LMISELLYQWGE	EGLAHVDRVIDFYKNQR	GI 1050752
331	DAI L A A D K W L T G L A E W H V P A A G M F L W I K V		2150892
331	D F I L A A D K W L R G L A E W H V P K A G M F L W I K V		GI 1050752
361	K G I N D V K E L I E E K A V K M G V L M L P G N A F Y V D		2150892
361	N G I S D A K K L I E E K A I E R E I L L V P G N S F F V D		GI 1050752
391	S S A P S P Y L R A S F S S A S P E Q M D V A F Q V L A Q L		2150892
391	N S A P S S F F R A S F S Q V T P A Q M D L V F Q R L A Q L		GI 1050752
421	I K E S L		2150892
421	I K D V S		GI 1050752

FIGURE 2B

1	M	- - - - -	E V S C G Q A E S S E K P N A E D M T S K D Y Y F D S Y A	- - - - -	2525071
11	M	- - - - -	E V S C G Q A E S S E K P N A E D M T S K D Y Y F D S Y A	- - - - -	GI 1808648
22	-	- - - - -	M Q D Y V R T G T Y Q R A I L Q N H T D F K	- - - - -	2525071
31	H F G I H E E M L K D E V R T L T Y R N S M F H N R H L F K	- - - - -	H F G I H E E M L K D E V R T L T Y R N S M F H N R H L F K	- - - - -	GI 1808648
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